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Porthcawl posties trek to Mumbles for charity



ABOVE: Setting out from Porthcawl. See more on page 3...

Police collect evidence of problems at Wildmill

EVIDENCE is being gathered on whether or not a Public Places Order should be implemented in Wildmill as a means of controlling anti-social behaviour on the streets.

The Licensing Department at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and police are gathering evidence at present about public order, drinking, litter and crime, which is needed to support the case for a PPO.

Coun Roger Marsh said that the order would

cover The Precinct if it came into force, and he said a lot of evidence had come forward at PACT meetings over the past two months about drinking binges taking place until 2am.

He said: "We have a comprehensive list of problems including drugs, under-age drinking, alcohol abuse and anti-social behaviour. They are rampant."

"These are being listed and the police have been informed. These reports will also go to the licensing officer."

"The whole community is coming together to make these reports."

Coun Marsh said that

many incidents take place right in front of the CCTV cameras, but these are either switched off or pointing the wrong way. Only one camera was fixed – the others swivel around: "But the main one never seems to be on," he added.

Coun David Unwin said that the town council should find out whether the equipment in Wildmill was working and if not, why not.

He said: "There's no point in having it otherwise. That's the one place the CCTV cameras should be working. We

have given money to improve the visibility at night there."

Coun Bob Burns said that he would present any written evidence on this to the review panel currently investigating the CCTV system in the borough.

Coun Haydn Morgan said he understood that staff shortages at Bryncethin meant that the screens are not being monitored.

Coun Unwin said he was alarmed to hear this and asked Coun Burns to investigate and report back.

Multi million pound Island Farm scheme is amended

CHANGES have been made to the ambitious multi-million pound scheme lodged for the Island Farm site at Bridgend.

Developers HD Ltd have submitted new plans which supercede those given out at the last meeting of Bridgend Town Council.

The proposals for a museum and heritage centre based at Hut 9 have been dropped, along with the proposed wildlife centre and café.

Instead, a 43-acre wildlife reserve, which is an important habitat for dormice, will be fenced off with no public access.

Hut 9 will also be sealed off with no facilities for the public provided. This is owned by Bridgend County Borough Council. However, all of the proposed sports facilities remain unchanged.

The scheme includes plans for:

- A 15,000-seat stadium for rugby league together with offices, changing facilities, conference facilities, corporate hospitality suites, restaurants and bars.
- Facilities for boxing and a gymnasium.
- A sports clinic.
- Tennis facilities, including outdoor courts and an indoor tennis centre.
- A 2,000-seat stadium for Bridgend Town Football Club.
- A 5,000-seat stadium for Bridgend Ravens RFC.

Training facilities and an all year round multi-sports facility will also be provided.

The other big change is a hike in the number of parking places to be provided, from the 1,250 originally proposed to a figure somewhere between 1,750 and 2,250.

Park and ride facilities are also planned with the site linked by shuttle bus to Bridgend town centre and the

out-of-town shopping areas around Bridgend. Access will be via a traffic signalled junction off the A48, although there will also be a through link between the Science Park and the site. Plans to extend the Science Park are still included.

Information about the new application is contained in 17 files of documents which local residents are still trying to wade through. At the moment, their main concerns are to do with the increase in traffic to the site signalled by the increased car parking capacity.

The A48 is already said to be overloaded at peak times, and SEWTA has proposed to the Welsh Assembly that the stretch between Laleston and Waterton be dualled, although no decision is expected until December.

The cost of the entire Island Farm project is now given as more than £50m, and the application is still in outline, although an environmental impact assessment has now been included.

The wildlife park will be designated a site of importance for nature conservation and will be protected. It is unclear who will be responsible for future maintenance of this area.

Hut 9 is a Grade 2 listed building, as it is the last remnant of the prisoner of war camp on the site. There are bats living inside the hut which are a protected species.

Bridgend Town Council is to hold a special meeting to discuss the scheme, although the out-of-date details were distributed to members at their last meeting.

They are also seeking a meeting with Merthyr Mawr Community Council, which covers the greater part of the area involved in the application.

The final decision rests with Bridgend County Borough Council.

Bluebirds legend

A highly experienced football league figure has become the new supremo at a local football club.

The former Cardiff City manager, Eddie May, has assumed control of first-team affairs at Porthcawl Town Football Club.

He will take control with immediate effect in the wake of the

recently-departed Damien Lacey.

His first match in charge will be this Saturday, at home to Llanwrn.

Eddie May was an uncompromising centre-back, playing more than 300 games for Wrexham and almost 100 for Swansea.

The highlight of his managerial career was probably his three years at Cardiff City, between 1991 and 1994.

Attempted break-in

POLICE in Bridgend are appealing for information with regard to an attempted burglary at Nolton Church on Merthyr Mawr Road.

The incident occurred sometime between 5pm on Friday, October 2, and 10am on Sunday, October 4. Bridgend Neighbourhood Police Inspector Jay Winslade Gregory said: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have information about this attempt to break into the church."

"All criminal activity is wrong, but breaking into a place of worship such as this is particularly appalling. I would appeal to anyone who has any information about this incident to contact us."

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Inspector Winslade Gregory at Bridgend police station on 101 or anonymously via Crime stoppers on 0800 555111.

Buy books for dark nights at Lions' club sale!

TO make room for new stock for next spring's annual Lions Book Fair, the Bridgend Lions Club is clearing its shelves and offering bargain books in abundance at its autumn book sale in the YMCA Building, Angel Street, Bridgend.

A club spokesman said: "As usual, thousands of top quality books will be on offer, with thrillers, romance, sci-fi, children's, biographies, history, hobbies, all on sale, maybe

even a first edition."

Doors open 10am on Saturday, October 17, until 4pm and there's no admission charge."

He added: "If anyone still has one of our pink eco bags from previous sales, bring it in, fill it up and we'll give a free paperback for doing your bit for the environment."

"As ever, this is a charity fundraising event and all profits will be donated to the many local causes supported by the Lions Club of Bridgend."

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COUNCIL BASKS IN PRAISE AS DATA SHOWS IT MAKING 'STEADY PROGRESS'

BRIDGEND County Borough Council continues to provide some of the best local services in Wales – according to 2008/2009 statistics from the Local Government Data Unit - Wales (LGDU), a council spokeswoman stated last week.

The unit's annual comparison of Wales's 22 local authorities shows Bridgend has made some important and substantial improvements year on year, especially in delivering its statutory responsibilities.

The statistics reveal that Bridgend is particularly strong in areas designed to help the economy and the environment, she claimed. Highlights include:

● **Waste:** Bridgend's record in minimising the percentage of waste that is sent to landfill continues to be amongst the best in Wales. Bridgend is also one of only two Welsh authorities making significant use of waste to recover heat and power.

● **Fly tipping:** Bridgend is still one of the top performing authorities for its speed in clearing fly tipping and took

enforcement action in 36.41 per cent of fly tipping cases, compared with the Welsh average of only 8.07 per cent.

● **Highways:** Bridgend is among the top three Welsh councils in the standards of cleanliness of its highways and other land.

● **Benefits:** Bridgend is one of the top four Welsh authorities in processing new housing benefit and council tax claims.

● **Invoices:** 97 per cent of undisputed invoices were paid within 30 days, the joint best in Wales. The Welsh average is 88 per cent.

● **Inspections:** At 100 per cent, Bridgend is top for carrying out its statutory duties on inspecting high-risk businesses.

More...

Elsewhere, the council's support for older people in the community, residential care and nursing homes continues to improve. It is also one of the better authorities for delivering a disabled facilities grant, which helps towards the cost of adapting a disabled person's home to enable them to continue to live there.

Today's PIs show that the percentage of looked after children with permanent care plans improved substantially from 50 per cent in 2007/08 to 78 per cent in 2008/09.

However, the average time to complete core assessments is still below the national average. Real progress has been made in Children's Services in the last 12 months, which led to special measures being lifted by the Welsh Assembly Government.

A robust plan continues to be in place to maintain progress.

Only a very low proportion of young people now leave school without an approved external qualification, in line with the good progress which has been made in the last three years. The ratio for Bridgend is now much better than the Welsh average.

Coun Mel Nott, the leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, says today's data shows the authority is continuing to make steady progress as it works towards its vision of becoming the council providing the best local services in Wales.

He said: "This kind of data is extremely important for residents, elected members and staff, because it

presents a clear picture of where we do well as an authority and where we must look to do even better.

"The encouraging news from today's statistics is that we are an improving council, and I am really proud that in some services we are amongst the very best. That can only be good news for our residents for whom we work so hard."

Coun Nott added: "I am particularly pleased that this data shows how seriously we take our environmental commitments, and how keen we are to support the local economy by the speedy processing of our invoices and our council tax and benefits claims.

"But there will be no complacency in the areas where we do well.

Similarly, we will be looking closely at where we can improve and examining measures to make that happen.

"On behalf of the cabinet I would like to thank all our staff who are working hard to help deliver improving services for the residents of Bridgend County Borough," he concluded.

Trust opposes plan for 'neglected' listed building

FOR several years, Cae Court, a listed building in Merthyr Mawr Road, has been left unoccupied.

As we all know, unoccupied buildings, if not looked after, tend to deteriorate. Unfortunately, this is the case with Cae Court.

Over the years, Bridgend Civic Trust have written on several occasions to the owners, Riversdale Surgery, and the council, urging them to ensure that it is put to a good use.

However, the building was neglected and vandals got in and this culminated earlier this year in a fire which all but destroyed the conservatory. Now the owners have applied for listed building consent to demolish the remains of the conservatory.

It is the contention of Bridgend Civic Trust that the owners be obliged to restore the conservatory to its original state, and to safeguard the rest of the building with a view to early occupation.

We feel that if a site is owned with an unwanted building in situ, it is too easy to let it fall into disrepair, thus making demolition the only option. Allowing this application will set a precedent for others.

We therefore have urged that this application be refused.

CH Thorp,

(Bridgend Civic Trust)

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 15)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15-20 minutes earlier.

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12 Mon	00.58	12.1	13.31	12.2
13 Tues	02.27	12.0	14.57	12.3
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Do GEM readers recall this vintage Delage?

IAM endeavouring to trace the history of a 1925 Delage sports car that was owned circa 1949 by a Mr Thompson, an enthusiast in Porthcawl.

The car has had a chequered history since that time and I am starting to restore it to the original specification.

The Delage company (Paris, France), enjoyed a reputation for high quality cars.

Despite their relatively high cost, they sold well in the UK via two London-based importers and numerous provincial dealerships.

During the mid-1920's, the Delage DI series were the most popular. They had a four cylinder overhead valve engine, four speed gearbox, four wheel brakes. They were a delight to drive.

The Delage 'boat tail' tourer's are probably the best remembered amongst the range of coachwork available.

The Delage in question is the sporting model, a type DISS, and appears to have started life with a boat tailed body.

This is evidenced by the pattern of corrosion on the top of the chassis rails.

Its current registration number, JTG 431, was issued by Glamorgan County Council in July 1949 to a Mr Harry Thompson of Sea View, John Street, Porthcawl.



At that time, its original coachwork had been replaced with a two-seater body, and the radiator cut down in height, very much a 'special'.

It survived in this state and was in regular use by ten subsequent owners until a few years ago, when parts were removed to service another car.

The fact that it had been re-bodied and re-registered in the late 1940s when cars were in short supply, leads me to suspect it had been found derelict in a scrapyard after the war.

I would be most grateful to hear from anyone who might recall this Delage or Mr Thompson and may be able to provide some more clues to the car's early history. (Or indeed of any other Delage recollections).

My email address is:

pj@delagen.wanadoo.co.uk

Peter Jacob

(Hon Sec, The Delage Register)

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PORTHCAWL POSTIES TREK TO MUMBLES FOR CHARITY

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN



Five Porthcawl postmen walked from Porthcawl Pier to Mumbles Pier on Sunday, September 27, to raise funds for Barnado's Children's Homes.

The five posties, David Thissen; Charles Clode; Darrin Armsby; Mike Cook and Lee Thomas set out from Porthcawl Pier at 7.30 am.

Up early to send them on their way was the deputy mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Mary Emmment-Lewis, and the five men were able

to finish the walk at Mumbles Pier by 3.15 pm – after almost eight hours of walking.

The sponsors for the walk were Peter Alan estate agents, who put up a generous donation – the company is keen to support local fundraising events, especially those involving children.

The Post Office also donated £200 to the walk, as Barnado's is its chosen charity this year.

The final total has not yet been calculated, as sponsorship money is still coming in, but it is expected to be more than £1,000.

'Come and support Macmillan', Lions urge

P O R T H C A W L Lions are proud to be associated with Macmillan Cancer Support coffee party idea – but they have now gone a step further.

As it is Lions Awareness Week, they have included tea, cakes, bear and toy stalls and a

book sale in their party, which is being held at the YMCA John Street, Porthcawl on Saturday, October 10, from 10am-4pm.

A spokesman said: "If you are in Porthcawl, why not drop in and enjoy a tea or coffee and then have a browse around the huge book display we have on offer?"

"We are hoping to get

the support of many local charities and organisations but the YMCA will be open to all visitors to the town.

"Over the past 12 months, we have raised a tremendous amount for local, national and international charities – so please come along and support a worthwhile cause," he urged.

'No accident – no action' policy alarms council

NEWS that safety measures will only be implemented on highways after accidents have taken place, has alarmed a new Bridgend councillor.

Bridgend Town Council was told by Coun David Unwin that a call by Coun Dennis Davey for traffic calming on Rice Street to slow traffic down as it leaves the inner by-pass will not be allowed, because there have been no personal injury accidents recorded by police on the street.

The highway authority takes the view that there were, therefore, no significant road safety issues at Rice Street, and the situation will not be investigated.

Coun Davey said that people wanted something done before there was an accident. He said: "Why wait for

somebody to be hit?"

"If we can stop an accident happening, we should act. All we want is a simple traffic calming device at the entrance to the street."

However, Coun Unwin said that there was no such thing as a simple traffic calming device, and they each cost thousands of pounds. He said it was a question of priorities.

Coun Claire Lewis said she found it strange that the issue of road traffic accidents worked in reverse to normal health and safety procedures.

She said: "Everybody else has to deal with prevention of possible accidents and not wait for an accident to happen before taking any action."

"It is strange that with highway safety, something has to happen first. Does a child have to die before anything is done?" she asked.

Councillors query the speed statistics

THE speed of traffic entering Rice Street from the inner by-pass in Bridgend is worrying town councillors, who want action from the highway authority.

However, Coun David Unwin reported that a speed exercise was carried out on the inner by-pass from July 15-22 and the average speed of the 39,000 vehicles

which were recorded was 27mph.

He said that highway chiefs had stated that this showed that there were no significant speeding issues at this location.

Coun Unwin stated that to get an average of 27mph, there must be some vehicles travelling over 30mph and others reaching 40mph.

He said: "We should ask them about the upper speeds recorded, so that we get a clear picture."

"It's too glib to say that cars are travelling at 27mph because they are not."

Coun Diane Burns said that she had recently travelled up the by-pass and cars were whizzing past her at up to 50mph.

Coun Unwin said that the council should write again to the highway authority, seeking further statistical evidence on what is happening on this road.

This was agreed.

Town councillors warning – 'get off your bike!'

TEENAGERS riding cycles on pavements in Bridgend are causing a danger to pedestrians, Bridgend Town Council has been told.

The council had decided at its last meeting to check if cycling was allowed within the pedestrianised area of the town centre, and the clerk reported that it is illegal. People can push bikes but not ride them.

Coun Haydn Morgan said that problems still persisted on the pavement leading from Wildmill along Quarella Road towards town.

He said: "You are taking your life in your hands. You have to look behind you all the time. You also see people cycling around town, especially in the school holidays. They are lumps of boys, not little kids. They are quite abusive when you tell them."

Coun David Unwin said that the council had contacted the police on this issue, but had received no response.

Coun Bob Burns said that they matter should be raised at PACT meetings. This was agreed.

Guides centenary

THE centenary of the Girl Guide movement is to be marked in Porthcawl by a march through the town, and 'camp-fire' celebrations.

It was 100 years ago that Lord Baden-Powell was approached by girls anxious to have an organisation similar to the Boy Scouts movement.

Lord Baden-Powell asked his sister Agnes to set it up, and the rest is history!

The centenary celebrations in Porthcawl, where there are 225 members in the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, get under way on Saturday, October 10.

The march will leave Cosy Corner at 2pm and will go through town, ending at Trinity Church where there will be a mock campfire with songs from each section.

District Commissioner Donna Jacka said that it was planned to have a full year of celebrations and this is just the start.

"Watch this space," she added.

Why is Bridgend petrol so expensive?

WHAT is it with petrol prices in Bridgend? As I write, at best we're paying 104.9, while Cardiff, Swansea and even Aberdare are paying 101.9.

Come on council chiefs, stop fiddling with our street lights, and sort this out through your trading standards powers. Yes, but that'll never happen, will it?

So come on, Asda, and open a filling station here like you've done in these other towns and introduce some proper competition.

Well done with the car parking, by the way. Ian Williams, Coychurch

Puppy was found with broken leg



A MAN has been sentenced at Bridgend Magistrates Court after being found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to an American Bulldog puppy.

Joshua Davies (also known as Joshua Sage) aged 18, of no fixed address, was banned from keeping all animals for five years and ordered to pay costs totalling £500.

He was also given a 12-month supervision order and ordered to do 300 hours of unpaid community work.

Bridgend Magistrates' Court heard that on January 7, Mr Davies had been found near the Kenfig Nature Reserve with a dog that had suffered a broken leg and abrasions to his body.

He had earlier fallen out with his girlfriend, taking the dog and leaving her in the car.

The court was also told that a vet, Mr Greg Dixon, examined and treated the dog. He concluded that the animal had probably been severely kicked and then dragged over a prolonged distance.

Joshua Davies failed to attend the hearing and was convicted in his absence.

RSPCA inspector Nic De Celis said: "This sentence sends a clear message that acts of random cruelty against animals will not be tolerated."

BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

THE return boules match between Bridgend Town Council and Laleston Community Council was won by Laleston by five points to one.

This ties the series as Bridgend won the first match. TWO empty houses in Bridgend, which the town council had wanted taken over by BCBC under the Enforced Sales Procedure, do not comply with the criteria, councillors were told.

BCBC has looked at 2 Ewenny Road and 28 Park Street, but they will be monitored and the council will arrange for remedial works to be carried out if necessary.

Coun David Unwin said that cabinet member Huw David had been surprised at this news, and had promised to keep an eye on this situation.

A CONFLICT between wildlife conservation and listed building legislation has caused problems with plans to renovate Cae Court in Merthyrmaur Road, town councillors heard.

The building has been

bought by Riversdale Surgery and they have commissioned a survey of the fire-damaged conservatory, and have also lodged an application for listed building consent to remove it.

Coun David Unwin said that refuse has been cleared away and although the area now better, it is still far from acceptable.

THE possibility of turning Noltan Street into a one-way street, which has been suggested by Bridgend Town Council, is being investigated by officers as part of a review.

There are problems with traffic being able to get through when cars are parked outside the take-aways at night.

A CONSULTATION has taken place in the Old Clay travel building at Dunraven Place, Bridgend, into the next phase of the Bridgend Townscape Heritage Scheme, which includes plans to renovate the terrace running from Clay Travel back towards Queen Street.

Parents and toddlers group

ST CLARE'S School, Porthcawl, will be running a parent and toddlers group in its nursery from today (October 8) at 9.30am-10.15am.

Head of St Clare's School, Catherine Barnard, said: "We are delighted to be able to open the nursery

up to parents with very young children as in St Clare's, as we feel it is important to get children and parents used to a school environment as early as possible."

Contact the school on 01656 789963, or visit the website at www.stclares-school.co.uk

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS

'RESPECT' IS THEME FOR EUROPEAN DAY



DID you know that beer was banned in Iceland until 1889? Or that the national flower of Turkey is the tulip?

These were just some of the questions put to eager-to-answer pupils at St John's recent European Day of Languages celebrations. This year's festivities included a rich variety of items, all performed to parents in the school's Crampton Hall after only a few weeks of intense (and often tense!) rehearsals.

Highlights included plays based on famous European ballets, enacted in pithy, humorous rhyme, a moving account of the French Revolution and, last but not least, a 'Denglish' (half German, half English) version of *Who*

Wants to Be a Millionaire. At the end of this frothy pastiche (which included light-hearted, linguistic word-play such as "There are only DREI kvestyuns – no wet ones!), the two drawing teams were presented with a life-size cheque for a million 'Pfunds' by the eager presenter Stefan Bauer (alias year-8 pupil, Stefan Farmer).

Regrettably for St John's, this mock donation, created lovingly by the art department, was ripped in two by a frustrated, camera-loving Herr Bauer, whose jocular presentation was eclipsed by the overlarge gift!

The celebratory day was also used to launch the school's fascinating new Comenius project. This European funded venture, will see St

John's working together with four other European schools over the next two years, creating pupil and teacher partnerships and a range of exciting visits and activities, based on the theme of Respect – for one another, for one another's culture and for the environment.

Mrs Caroline Sarll, one of St John's languages' teachers, will be visiting the Schillergrundschule, in Wiesloch, Germany next month to establish the project and next spring, St John's will be welcoming teachers from all four partner countries – Iceland, Turkey, Germany and Ireland.

Headteacher Mrs Carol Clint, said: "We are thrilled to have received the go-ahead for this inspiring and educationally-rich enterprise. The project will be

of enormous benefit to both pupils and staff – and we also hope to share many of the activities with the people of Porthcawl."

Prayers were said at the end of the concert in several tongues and food was distributed to pupils, parents and guests from Iceland, Germany and, of course, Turkey. A "delight"ful day, indeed....

NEWS FROM THE LLANHARI PRIMARY

Breakfast club proves popular

Breakfast Club THERE was a promising start to our breakfast club this week with a total of 59 breakfasts being served.

Following their healthy breakfast the children get the chance to play games in the hall. Morgan Parsons in Year-5 sums up his feelings about Breakfast Club with just one word – "awesome!" – but you don't have to take his word for it, come along and see for yourselves.

Remember you must register your child at least one week in advance of their first attendance. Registration forms are available from the office.

PE Kit

THE PE timetable for this year has now been scheduled and pupils are aware which days they need to bring their kits.

Please could all children have black sport shorts and plain white T-shirts for these lessons. This is essential for children to properly take part in P.E. They are also cheaper to buy – available at ASDA and Tesco.

Sports Day

WHO would have thought that we would have better luck with the weather when holding our annual Sports Day in September rather than July?

It was a glorious day –parent support was amazing and the children took part in fine spirits, well done to all of you.

Many thanks to our Parent Association who

BRIDGEND College welcomed **John Griffiths AM, Deputy Minister for Skills, to a celebratory evening for the Automotive Skills Work Based Pathway, a joint initiative with Automotive Skills, Bridgend County Borough Council, Ogmere and Ynysawdre Comprehensive Schools and the college.**

As part of the 14-19 option menu within Bridgend county borough, year-10 pupils from Ynysawdre and Ogmere Comprehensive Schools are currently attending the college one day per week to study motor vehicle maintenance.

Over a two-year period, a group of eight

learners have achieved a Level 2 qualification which is equivalent to five GCSEs and each pupil has had the opportunity of 20 days' work experience a year to enhance their learning experience.

This exciting, innovative partnership, the first of its kind in Bridgend, and in Wales commenced in September 2007 and the event was a celebration of the 100 per cent achievement of the first cohort of students to complete the two-year course.

John Griffiths, AM, praised the highly successful partnership which has created wider choice for 14-19 year olds and responded to the needs of the Welsh motor industry by providing 'work ready' young people.

He said: "These Pathways provide wonderful opportunities for young people to broaden their learning experiences. Congratulations to all the learners who have taken part and achieved fantastic results."

Colin Williams, national manager Wales, Institute of the Motor Industry, commended the Bridgend 14-19 Network, schools, pupils and parents for their foresight in embarking on this innovative programme of study.

Kath Durbin, group manager, Post 14 with BCBC, said: "The outcome achieved by learners has been outstanding. In addition to the qualification that the young people have



Rhys Morgan and John Griffiths AM.



Daniel Elliott, Shaun Roberts, Stion Street and Linzi Millard.

achieved, they have also learned how to manage their time and their studies very effectively and have improved their self confidence and self belief by working with lecturers in a new learning environment.

"By developing these transferable skills, they have significantly enhanced their chances of employment in the future."

Robert Jones, Head of Engineering, Bridgend College, commented: "This exciting programme offers young people the chance to develop skills, achieve recognised qualifications and gain valuable experience of the motor

industry that will enable them to make an informed choice about future careers.

"The skills they have developed over the two years will provide an ideal platform for future modern apprentices that are required by the industry."

During the event, an award was presented to Rhys Morgan, the student who has made the most progress on the course by Coun Alana Davies, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People on behalf of the South Wales Institute of Engineers.

Missing Brackla man prompts police appeal

BRIDGEND police are appealing for help to trace a missing Brackla man. **Andrew John Maddock** (aged 29), was last seen at shortly before midnight on Wednesday September 30 at his home address.

Officers say they are concerned for his welfare and are asking anyone who has seen him to contact them.

Mr Maddock is described as white with dark brown hair and green eyes.

Sergeant Rhodri Davies of Bridgend Police said: "Inquiries are being conducted to trace Andrew and we would appeal for him to contact us to let us know he is safe and well on 101".



Andrew John Maddock.

Tondu art society's work goes on show

THERE was Fun 'n' Fantasy at Tondu & District Art Society, when members met at their weekly evening workshop in the Len Evans centre, to finalise and title paintings.

These will be on show at the Princess of Wales Hospital for one.

The society also held a 'Fantasy

Cup' competition or members, the subject being 'EXOTICA': when 26 entries were submitted. The winner being Paul Lewis Anstee, with a drawing of an exotic butterfly. Paul received the Fantasy Cup from club president and founder of the cup, Mr Jim Hayes, with Dr Gwyn Phillips being the runner up.

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Network helps steer pupils onto motoring pathway at Bridgend

Who wants to build what and where?

Mr I Davies – plot adjacent to 55 Brynmenyn Industrial Estate, Brynmenyn, Bridgend – raising of land levels with inert material.

Mr B Talbot – Rose Cottage, Ffordd yr Eglwys, North Cornely – erect five high gates at front of garage.

Ms Z Diment – 13 Griffiths Terrace, Maesteg – single storey extension to side to provide bedroom and en-suite shower room.

Mr R Brace – 30 Turberville Street, Maesteg – erect concrete block shed at bottom of garden.

Mr and Mrs S Williams – 95 Underwood Place, Brackla, Bridgend – convert integral garage into sitting room.

Mr P Blackburn – 7 Bettws Road, Brynmenyn, Bridgend – rear extension and internal alterations.

Mr A Jones – 8 Wernlys Road, Penyfael, Bridgend – proposed front entrance porch and wet room.

BCBC Transportation and Morien House – Hendre Road Relief Road, Pencoe – park and ride facility for Pencoe railway station, new car park, improved footway link, new footway.

Newcastle Higher Community Council – Aberkenfig Square, Pandy Road, Aberkenfig – landscape work including raised planting beds, paving, notice board/signage, shelter and cycle stands.

Mrs M Barton – barn at Tal y Cood, Heol Las, Coity, Bridgend – conversion of barn to residential.

Wales & West Housing Association – 4 Tyn y Waun, Bettws, Bridgend – single storey bedroom and bathroom extension for disabled tenant.

Deere Investments Ltd – General Picton

Hotel, 57 New Road, Porthcawl – three two storey link houses with off street parking.

Mr Richard Lewis – 54 Rowans Lane, Bryncethin, Bridgend – conservatory.

Mrs M Jenkins – 9 Glebeland Close, Coychurch, Bridgend – demolish existing double garage and erect single storey building for garage kitchen/utility/shower room.

Mr v John – 10 Hutchwns close, Porthcawl – demolish dwelling and erect three new dwellings in grounds – re-sub of refusal P/09/461/FUL.

Mr T Williams – 75 Graham Avenue, Penyfael, Bridgend – loft extension.

Mr and Mrs Hunt – 27 Park Court Road, Bridgend – alteration of roof to provide dormer extension to one side.

Mr B Watkins – Bryn Haulog, Heol yr Ysgol, Coity, Bridgend – conservatory to rear of property.

Mr Evans – 21 Pen y Fro, Pencoe – erection of conservatory.

Charles Church West Wales – 6 Healthy Close (Clo Iechyd), Penyfael, Bridgend – amendments to existing detached house, as built (P/05/1623/RES refers).

Mr D King – 4 Plas Ty Mawr, Penyfael, Bridgend – extension at first floor over existing garage and at ground floor within garage and porch lean-to.

Mr E Morgan-Thornthorn – land rear/of 31 Heol Croes Faen, Porthcawl – proposed residential development (one single storey dwelling).

Mr O Bonnalie – 11 Gerddi, Quarella, Bridgend – proposed conversion of garage to dining room.

Mr J Reape – 11 Rockfields, Porthcawl – two storey extension to rear.

'HEY WHERE DID WE GO?' - EDINBURGH ACTUALLY

THE BROWN-EYED GIRLS' MARATHON CHARITY WALK...



ABOVE:

Rachel Williams from Velindre Hospital (second right) receives the cheque from (left to right):

Louise Moffat, Jo Pike, Lisa Butcher, Susan Edger, Paula Jones, Sharon Brown and Jo David.

SEVEN local 'girls' have raised more than £2,700 for cancer charities after taking part in a midnight sponsored walk in Scotland.

The team, who called themselves 'Moffats Brown-Eyed Girls', completed the walk in memory of Lynne Moffat who died of breast cancer last year, aged 55.

Two of her daughters were in the team, and the name was chosen because the Van Morrison was one of Lynne's favourite songs.

On June 20 the 'girls' set off for Edinburgh's version of the now famous Moonwalks. It started at midnight, was a

marathon (26.2 miles) in length and the team completed the walk wearing decorated bras (using a Welsh theme of Dragons in green and red, designed by Paula Jones).

The team completed the gruelling walk within 10 hours. Lisa Moffat and Louise Butcher (both daughters of Lynne Moffat) were the first of the Brown Eyed Girls to finish (in just under eight hours). The rest of the group, Paula Jones, Sharon Brown, Jo David, Susan Edger and Jo Pike all finished shortly afterwards.

Jo Pike told The GEM: "Everyone was tired but thrilled they had completed it, following several months of training in all kinds

of weather."

A total of £1,156.00 was pledged to the Moonwalk, which aids cancer charities - predominantly breast cancer.

The girls raised another £1,600, and this was donated to Velindre Hospital, Cardiff, which gave Lynne excellent treatment and nursing care throughout her illness.

Jo Pike said: "A big thank you goes to everyone who has sponsored us, including all the shopkeepers and pubs in Llantwit Major and surrounding areas, the Plough and Harrow, Monknash, for help with the fund raising - and to all our husbands, partners and friends for their support."

BRIDGEND HONOURS THE HEROES

Welcoming home the Welsh Guards

SOLDIERS from the Welsh Guards who have just returned from Afghanistan, are being welcomed home with a number of fundraising events.

There is a family fun day at the Riverside Tavern, Bridgend, on Saturday, October 17, from 1pm through to 1am, to raise cash for the fallen and injured colleagues and families.

In aid of the Welsh Guards Afan Appeal,

there will be live music, bands, ride the bull, bouncy castle, face-painting, knockout pool, a disco, karaoke, raffle prizes, auctions, adult bingo with the voice of Roy 'Chubby' Brown (night time), and many other attractions.

Organiser Heather Deeks told The GEM: "We want to offer a very warm welcome to the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, back from a very hard tour."

"We are all so very proud of our heroes who have come back safe, and we must not forget

the fallen and wounded."

"Some have made the ultimate sacrifice and are lost forever, but not forgotten. Our hearts and prayers go out to these families."

She added: "There will also be a 'Support our Soldiers' meeting this Friday, October 9, at Aberkenfig Legion and Social Club."

"All are welcome to meet some of our brave Welsh Guards."

For more information, contact Heather Deeks on 01656 771571.

'Replace vandalised seats in town centre'

REPEATED vandalism of the wooden benches in Bridgend town centre has prompted a councillor to call for metal ones to be installed.

Coun Edith Hughes told Bridgend Town Council that there was a lack of seating in the town because of vandalism.

Coun David Unwin said that the style of seating was down to the county borough council's regeneration officer.

"We have spoken to them about it

because it is an on-going problem. Many benches have been knocked down or vandalised. I hope they will come back with some answers."

Coun Hughes commented that the metal benches cost £2,000 each, but Coun Unwin said that ones purchased by the town council for Newbridge Fields had not cost anything like that.

"We cannot get involved in providing seats for the town centre. Our job is to put them around the periphery," he added.

Three from Down Under on top of the world at Bridgend choir's concert



Ros Evans, soprano soloist with Welsh National Opera, John Jenkins and Laura Smith, choir musical director and piano accompanist respectively. Scott Williams, organ accompanist.



MORE than 200 people were treated to a magnificent evening of Welsh music when Bridgend Male Choir held their 49th annual concert in the wonderful setting of St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Bridgend.

The chairman, Mr Mansel Abraham, welcomed the audience and introduced Mr Gareth Davies as the compere for the evening.

Mr Davies opened the evening on a very sad note, informing us of the untimely death of Mr John Jones. Many of us have been fortunate to hear John's magnificent interpretation of *Under Milk Wood* by Dylan Thomas.

A sad loss to everyone, but the concert was dedicated to

John, and we all know he would have been very proud of the choir who raised the roof in his memory. The choir's repertoire is vast and we were entertained in style with an exceptional variety of music, from our well-loved Welsh hymns, to the spirituals - and more modern numbers, including *Memory from Cats*.

In anticipation of their 50th anniversary the choir had worked out their own top ten hits and this resulted in a huge climax to the concert when they sang their top three favourites, *Finlandia*, *Gwahaddiad* and No 1: *Bring Him Home from Les Miserables*.

The choir was joined by the exceptional soprano, Ros Evans, who entertained with beautiful lyrics and music from a variety of composers, including Ivor Novello. She also

shared with us her mischievous personality.

The professionalism of Bridgend Male Choir accompanists is second to none: Mr Scott Williams, organist, was able to bring an added depth to the choir's performance. The very talented pianist Laura Smith (fondly described by Ros Morgan as 'Fingers' Smith) brought every piece to life with her expertise on the grand piano.

During the evening, compere Gareth Davies introduced three members of the audience who were on holiday from Australia. They were staying in Devon, checked on the internet, found the concert and travelled to Bridgend to be part of the evening.

Speaking to them at the end of the evening, they were three of the happiest people alive - in their words, "To be in Wales

and hear first hand such a superb Welsh male choir was an absolute privilege".

I cannot convey in words how overwhelmed they were. To complete their evening, they were. To join the choir for a drink after the show and enjoyed another unforgettable experience when the choir serenaded them with *Waltzing Matilda*.

The whole evening's success was the result of wonderful musical arrangements by the choir's musical director, Mr John Jenkins.

I should also mention that anyone wanting to experience an evening with this exceptional choir should check out their website

bridgendmalechoir.co.uk for their concert dates and put in an order for their new CD. **MAGGIE HUGHES**

MP URGES PUBLIC TO AIR VIEWS ON ASSISTED SUICIDE

BRIDGEND MP, Madeleine Moon is encouraging constituents to take part in a consultation on interim guidelines on assisted suicide law in England and Wales.

The guidelines have been published by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) after a legal battle won by Debbie Purdy, who has multiple sclerosis.

The Law Lords accepted that Ms Purdy, from Bradford, had a right to know whether her husband, Omar Puente, would be prosecuted if he helped her to

travel abroad to commit suicide.

Mrs Moon said: "I would encourage people to take part in the consultation, which can be downloaded from my website."

"I would also like constituents to let me know their opinions so that I can make sure they are heard by Government ministers."

Consultation documents can be downloaded from the Bridgend MP's website at:

www.madeleinemoonmp.com or ordered from her constituency office on 01656 750002.

'Back St Athan scheme' call to Tory conference

THE Conservative Party was urged to give full backing to the £12 billion Defence Technical College in St Athan at its annual conference this week.

The Vale Council recently granted the St Athan project planning permission and after the Welsh Liberal Democrats again backed the develop-

ment, Vale MP John Smith is now calling on the Tories to "re-affirm their commitment" to the project.

Mr Smith, who is standing down at the next general election, said: "The Tories owe it to the people of Wales to show their firm commitment to the Defence Technical College, which will bring jobs and investment to Wales."

"People and businesses here in Wales deserve to know if David Cameron and his party are fully behind this record investment, want it to proceed at St Athan, and are still committed to the All Party support that won the bid and will help spread the benefits of this recession-busting project to the whole of Wales."

COMMUNITY NEWS
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Community council

AT the Llangan Community council meeting held on October 5, PC Mellor, who has attended the September council meeting, reported that he had requested builders of the new estate near the bridge in Treos to refrain from parking their vehicles in close proximity to it.

Speeding traffic - It seems incredible in view of complaints by residents of Treos over many years about traffic speeding through the village, that a recent survey showed that, over 30 minutes, 23 cars had travelled through - but none over the speed limit.

A recent survey was carried out by PC Mellor regarding speeding traffic along the Pencoed-Pentremuir Road. PC Mellor visited the area

with his hand held camera and out of 50 cars, only one vehicle exceeded the speed limit at 35mph.

He will continue to monitor the area.

Planning application - Planning has been refused for a change of use of land to provide machinery training facilities and siting of three porta-cabins at Cae Cefn Uchaf, Pantrhuthyn.

Planning consent: Conversion and extension to outbuilding to rear of Willow Cottage to form residential property Star Inn, Treos.

Planning consent: Proposed new extension to cattle housing building at Ruthin Fawr Farm, St Mary Hill.

Full planning consent for single storey extension to house disabled toilet at Llangan and St Mary Hill Community Hall.

Ruthin Chapel - Councillors are still waiting for news regarding the chapel.

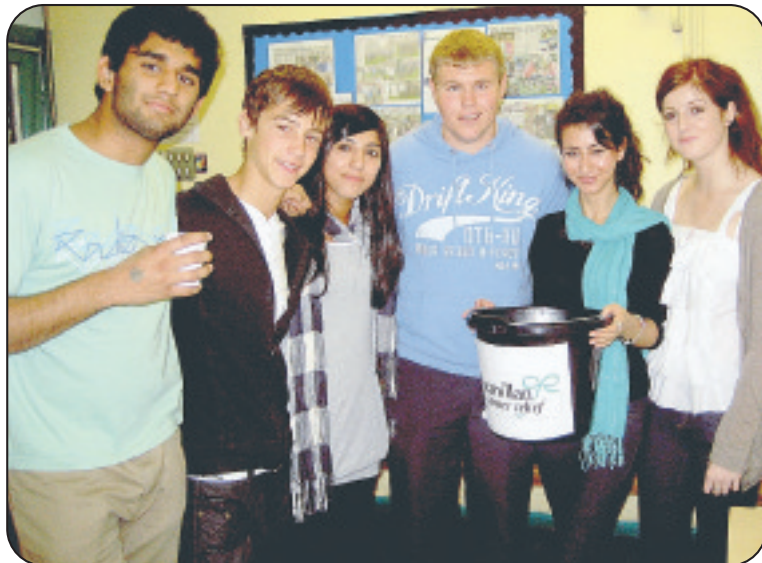
St Clare's pupils (and their families) raise £700 for Macmillan charity

ST CLARE'S School pupils joined thousands of people across the country in a cup of coffee (or tea) in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

A spokesman reported: "Everyone in the school participated and pupils came to school in normal clothes for a donation of £1. Cakes were on sale in the prep school at playtime and parents came along for a coffee and cake, too.

"In the senior school, the sixth formers organised breaktime drinks and cakes for staff and pupils. The senior school also took part in a fun tug-of-war competition at lunchtime, watched by the prep school pupils."

The headteacher, Catherine Barnard, commented: "I am delighted that we were able to raise such a large sum for Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done to everyone in St Clare's who participated."



Can sir stand the pace?

FIVE senior prefects at Pencoed Comprehensive School are running the Cardiff Half-Marathon this Saturday for this year's sixth form charity Cancer Research.

What's more, the boys are dragging their teacher along!

It is fair to say that the presence of Mr David Owen, the head of form six, will raise the average age of the group by a few years.

He told The GEM: "The boys have been training extremely hard for the event – and so have I!"



ABOVE:

From left to right - Scott Morgan, Daniel Baker, Mr David Owen, Richard Tanner, and Daniel Johnson.

(PHOTOGRAPH by MANDY THOMAS).

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Band's bid

OGMORE Valley Silver Band, the only band in the Bridgend CBC area to compete in the national finals, on October 10, is attempting to reach the finals again via the regional heats at Burry Port.

These take place in the Memorial Hall from 10.30am, with Ogmores Valley competing in their section at 1.30pm. This band truly deserves to progress to the semi finals at least. I have seen the rehearsal programme, it has certainly been hectic for everyone involved. This band has reached the national finals twice in the last 10 years; let us hope they make it third time lucky!

The band is also looking for a new musical director.

It welcomes prospective musicians (of all ages and gender) at rehearsals in the band room, Bethania Row, Ogmores Vale at 6pm on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays.

MP's talk

ABERKENFIG Retired Persons Club recently had Huw Irranca-Davies MP as their speaker, when he gave an interesting talk on the essential work that the Department of the Environment and Fisheries carries out.

He had the members captivated as he explained that the oceans and seas cover 70 per cent of the world's surface and are of critical importance economically, environmentally and socially.

They are a valuable source of food, minerals and fossil energy; provide essential and biodiverse habitats; account for almost 50 per cent of the world's carbon fixing potential; and offer opportunities to exploit renewable energy sources such as wind and tidal power.

Freshwater and migratory fish are valued and important aspects of our ecosystems. Safeguarding these stocks contributes towards the Department of the Environment's biodiversity objectives, as well as bringing significant socio-economic benefits.

Rising prices and commodity shortages in 2008 highlighted the short and long-term challenges of global food security.

The 2008 report on food by the Cabinet Office strategy unit highlighted the pressures of climate change on food production, the impact of the food chain on the environment, and the health impacts of our diets as just some of the challenges which need to be addressed.

The club meets at the Len Evans Centre, Heol

Persondy, Aberkenfig every Wednesday between 1.45pm-4pm. Visitors and new members are welcome. Telephone Joyce/Tom on 01656 720823/720026 for information.

Charity coffee

THE Sarn and Brynethin Community Association thank everyone who contributed to the Macmillan Cancer Care charity coffee morning which was held at Sarn Long Life Learning Centre.

It raised the magnificent sum of £350.

Impressive venue

I RECENTLY attended the Ogmores Valley male voice choir's concert at the Canolfan Bethlehem Centre, which I hadn't visited before, and I was truly impressed.

The organisers in the choir must have spent all their free time improving the building, which had been an old chapel.

It was a three-storey building with disabled access to the main auditorium. It was a geography and history lesson combined studying the memorabilia which were on the walls in the auditorium and the refreshment area on the floor below.

They had also purchased and renovated a Steinway grand piano.

The choir practices every Thursday at 7pm, at Canolfan Bethlehem, Commercial Street and welcome new recruits.

Songs of praise

THE Aberkenfig and District United Churches are holding a songs of praise concert at Tondy Wesley Methodist Church, on Friday, October 30, at 7pm, everyone is welcome.

Halloween event

THE South and West Wales Wildlife Trust is putting on a special Halloween event for young children, aged up to six years of age on Wednesday, October 28, between 1pm-3pm, at Parc Slip nature reserve visitor centre, Tondy. There will be spooky trail around the reserve, with craft making activities to follow.

The cost is £1.50 per child and they must be accompanied by a responsible adult. To book a place telephone 01656 724100.

The Trust is interested to hear if any member of the public has seen brown hares on the reserve over the last 12 months. They are also looking for volunteers to assist in varied activities on the reserve.

Who will give gentle Glen a home, and a cuddle!

The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

GLEN is a six-year-old Staffordshire bull terrier, who is a nice boy with a really sweet and gentle nature, a spokeswoman for the Rehoming Centre explains.

"He loves nothing more than just being with people and having a good cuddle.

"Glen is housetrained and fine to be left alone for a few hours.

"He needs a home with someone who has owned Staffs before, and he would need to be the only pet in the home, as he doesn't get on with other dogs or cats.

"However, he is very good with people, and he can live with children four years and over."

If you are interested in giving Glen a home, or would like to give any of the other dogs a home, please call 01656 725219, or visit the Dogs Trust centre at Court Colman, Pen-y-fai, Bridgend.



NEWS FROM PORTHCAWL U3A

FLUENT IN ITALIAN AFTER A GLASS OF SPARKLING WINE!

PORTHCAWL U3A continued its excellent programme of events in September with a group visit to Florence and Tuscany.

A lovely holiday was enjoyed by all, very educational, as usual, with U3A, but also very sociable. In fact, one member claimed that after two glasses of sparkling wine he became fluent in Italian!

Other main events this month included an extensively illustrated talk by president Doug Jones, who traced the family history of the U3A movement back to its beginnings.

An additional light-hearted talk by history group convenor Andrew Collier focused on aspects of Welsh history, as seen by an Englishman.

It was also encouraging to note the emergence of two more interest groups – family history and archaeology.

This month, we feature the popular walking



ABOVE: The U3A walking group at the Dimbarth Valley.

group and their visit to the Dimbarth Valley.

One of the group, Mr John Cobby gave this account (with photography) of the enjoyable activity: "The walk was described as – a three-mile walk through the beautiful Dimbarth Valley.

"The valley was beautiful, but the walk was nearer five miles in length and not all along the valley!

"Margaret Williams, who led the walk, did warn us of this before we started and that parts of the walk were going to be muddy.

"So 13 of us set off from outside the Fox and Hounds in Blackmill at 2pm and arrived back there a little before 5.30pm for a well-earned drink.

"To get to the Dimbarth Valley, we first had to climb the side of

the Ogmore Valley, with stunning views across the Bristol Channel to north Somerset.

"It was a beautiful warm and sunny day – we were very lucky – and an excellent walk enjoyed by all."

Friendship combined with exercise in the true U3A tradition.

REPORT by
CLIVE MORT

Harvest festivals

THE season of harvest festivals is now in full swing and local churches throughout the area have been taking part in the occasion.

On Sunday, September 27, St Bridget's Church was beautifully decorated, together with the traditional 'sheaf of corn' bread. This bread was later shared and eaten at the harvest lunch served at the church hall. St Brides Major.

During the service at the church, the local primary schoolchildren took an active part.

All Saints Church, Southerndown, held its first harvest festival service and thanks go to the ladies for the beautiful decorations and for the good food for the harvest supper following the service.

Ewenny Priory Church held its harvest festival on September 29 to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the restoration of the Priory church.

The special envelopes for the harvest services collection will be given to the Bridgend food bank run by the churches in Bridgend to provide emergency food parcels to those in need, homeless etc. Recipients will be nominated by social workers, and GPs.

WICK CHAPEL held its harvest service on Sunday, September 27, and though few in number, the traditional harvest hymns were sung with gusto.

After the service, gifts were given to the congre-

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gation. The minister, Julianne, gave everyone some crocus bulbs to plant to mark the occasion of the growing of crops.

On Tuesday, a memorial service took place in the chapel graveyard when a memorial seat was dedicated to the memory of Allan Jones, a local young man who had served in the Army and died aged 51. He had attended chapel and Sunday school in Wick Chapel.

Watermill talk

OGMORE Retired Residents met at The Watermill to listen to Allan Underhill tell of the origins of the best stores in London.

An interesting afternoon. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 15.

Thursday club

LADIES Thursday Club enjoyed a 'Tour of London' when Adrian Warner came along with

Pupils come face to face with the Beaker Man!

NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT LLANHARI PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Beaker Man'

IT was good to see the whole of the junior department getting involved with the Beaker Man project.

As readers will know, we are celebrating the 80th anniversary of the discovery of an early Bronze Age site near Naboth's Vineyards, by some workers widening the road to Llanhari in 1929.

Last week, I was happy to lead the children of Llanhari Primary School to the actual site where a beautifully carved beaker was discovered, as well as a 'Beaker Man' aged about 35 years old, proved to be the most important archaeological find in our parish so far.

The Beaker Folk were pastoralists by and large, so perhaps they were looking for good grazing land in our locality. I have written to the National Museum of Wales about the anniversary and the possibility of a second beaker being discovered on the site. It is hoped they will visit us to tell us more about the early Bronze Age in general and the Llanhari discovery in particular.

DAVID FRANCIS

Book fayre

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the recent book fayre and Readathon.

We exceeded the sales target figure and the school will now be able to acquire some additional resources for the children to enjoy.

The Readathon was also a great success. It was a great way to promote reading at home and the children really enjoyed taking part.

The raffle took place in assembly and the following lucky people were each able to choose a new book: Class 1, Katie Howell; Class 2, Harvey Howell; Class 3, Shay Louise

slides he had taken of some of the historic as well as the well-known London features.

A mystery

VILLAGERS of St Brides Major awoke on Wednesday, October 1 to a covering of a mysterious white 'dust' all over the village.

It is hoped authorities in the Vale can throw some light on the subject as many complaints have been made.

St Brides council

THE St Brides Major Community Council met at the church hall on Monday, September 14.

It was noted that a further resignation had been received for the St Brides Major ward quarry liaison committee. Mr Clive Millman has been co-opted to represent the village on this committee.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the next community council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 12, will now take place on Monday, October 19 at 7pm at the church hall, St Brides Major.

Arsenal

BRIDGEND Civic Trust is unveiling a memorial to those who lost their lives during the construction and operation of Bridgend Armaments Factory (the Arsenal) on Sunday, October 25, in Dunraven Place, Bridgend.

Woodland; Class 4, Demi Rees; Class 5, Abigail Way; Class 6, Rhys Thomas.

Art and gardening club

THE school had a great response for the art club, which started on October 1.

The children enjoyed painting flowers and vegetables.

Gardening Club also started last week and lots of children expressed an interest in the club but were unable to take part as they did not bring the necessary wellingtons and gloves to school.

Merit awards

Merit Awards were issued to the following pupils this week:

Rhys Thomas, Class 6; Emma Heaslip, Class 5; Leah Austin, Class 4; Ashton Austin, Class 3; Levi Lewis, Class 2 and Amelia Thomas, Class 1.

Can you fix it?!

WE have now received our adventure playhouse from Leekes but we desperately need some clever DIYers to help assemble it.

If you are handy with a screwdriver and hammer, and have a little time to spare, please contact the school.

FAIRTRADE EVENING

ON October 16 at Trinity Church, Porthcawl, there will be an evening devoted to Fairtrade.

Zimbabwean Martha Musonza, a Fairtrade producer from Africa who lives in Wales, will be speaking about her work with Love Zimbabwe, an ethical trading company. Martha is also the schools coordinator for Fairtrade Wales.

Admission free.

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BARRY DOCKS LINK ROAD IN NEED OF A ROUNABOUT

ONCE again, a person has died on the Barry Docks Link Road. When are the Vale Council going to see that the road layout at Coldbrook Road, the Docks Link Road and Argae Lane is all wrong?

As far as I can see, the only way to sort this junction out is to put a roundabout on this junction. Not only will it slow traffic down, it will allow traffic from Coldbrook Road and Argae Lane time to get out onto the link road.

Many people say put traffic lights on the junction, but this would not work. You can jump traffic lights, but you can't jump a roundabout.

Mr G Thomas, Barry

Questionable standards...

WE are content to be subjected, via the European Arrest Warrant, to questionable legal systems in Romania, Bulgaria and Greece. They must all be treated as being of the same standard as our own.

Why get so excited then about being treated by an incompetent German doctor?

RH Bradshaw,
Cowbridge.

Gathering Place says thank you

WE would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the Gathering Place Macmillan coffee morning.

We raised £110! Thanks also go to Margaret Craig who donated a giant cupcake which raised £32 in a raffle! Deacon Michelle Legumi, (The Gathering Place, St Athan)

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

Readers' Letters

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail. Letters and emails MUST include full address and a contact telephone number. An email address alone is not sufficient. We will (in certain circumstances), protect a writer's identity, if requested. Please keep your letters brief and address them to: The Editor, Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL.

Workshops and art classes available in the Vale

WITH regard to the letter from Alison Kelland in last week's GEM, the Vale Council is sorry to hear that Alison was disappointed that her painting and drawing class did not run at Barry Community Learning Centre, as this class has always been very popular in the past.

However, while most of our daytime and evening classes are very full this year, particularly arts and crafts, unfortunately there were not enough enrol-

ments for us to be able to run this particular evening class, although there are places available at other centres in the Vale.

We're pleased to report that we are running a variety of free taster workshops, including a painting and drawing session that will take place at 7pm on Tuesday, October 20, at Barry Comprehensive School.

Anyone who has an interest in improving their painting and drawing skills, is invited to come along and see for themselves, like Alison, how enjoyable and rewarding learning can be.

Perhaps there will be enough

interest to enable the class to continue!

In the meantime, there will be a series of one-day Saturday workshops starting this month, including life drawing, oils and acrylics and watercolours.

These are ideal for anyone who cannot attend daytime classes.

For more information about the courses, free tasters and how to enrol, please contact our centres: Barry 01446 738054 or Palmerston 01446 733762.

David Prosser
(Head of Lifelong Learning,
Vale Council)

Poll shows there is support for DTC

THE leader of the Plaid councillors in the Vale, Coun Nic Hodges, has yet again lost the argument on the Defence Technical College (DTC).

He lost the argument at the planning committee on this transformational project, and the GEM's online

poll is showing him to be wrong about public support in the Vale for the project 'haemorrhaging'.

At the time of writing this letter, The GEM's poll shows that 60 per cent of people strongly support the project.

It beggars belief that Plaid can be so divided on this 'jewel in the crown' project, which will bring jobs and investment to the Vale.

Alana Davies,
(Labour parliamentary
candidate for
Vale of Glamorgan)

Lyme disease warning to pet lovers...

PET owners – especially dog walkers – should be on their guard in the coming months, following some alarming findings about Lyme Disease – a painful, disabling condition which can affect both humans and animals.

Here, at PDSA, we have seen a 150 per cent increase in the number of suspected cases of this disease, which is transmitted by a tick bite, over the last three years.

Symptoms include a rash, fever, lameness and fatigue, as well as swollen lymph glands and nerve damage.

We advise pet owners to cover up when in woods or long grass – and to check their pets after walks for signs of ticks.

Owners should check the fur, using rubber gloves, as an infected tick can bite both the pet and human.

If an owner does find ticks on their pet their vet can safely remove them.

Elaine Pendlebury,
(Senior veterinary surgeon, PDSA)

Exhibition: thank you

I WOULD like to thank all those people who attended the recent 'Barry and the Second World War' exhibition at Art Central in Barry.

Hundreds of visitors passed through over the two-week period and it was a pleasure to talk to local people about their memories of the period.

The comments left in the two visitors' books were most supportive

and have encouraged me to suggest to the local authority that other exhibitions on a similar theme could be held in the future...

Perhaps 'Barry and the First World War' next autumn...?

I would also draw readers' attention to the exhibition being staged in the town library by the Barry branch of the Merchant Navy Association, and their campaign for a permanent setting for all the material relating to the

history of Barry. Please sign their petition for a museum!

In the meantime, if any readers have any items, photographs or stories that they would like included in my future exhibitions on Barry's role in the two world wars of the last century, I can be contacted on 07708 255295 or by e-mail at: ninian27@btinternet.com.
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AFTER 91-YEAR WAIT... MYSTERY OF UNCLE BERT'S FATE IS SOLVED

LOCAL historian and longstanding GEM contributor, ALFRED MILLS – aged 98 – tells of a chance encounter that has helped to complete his family tree

IAM one of those people who always watch *Who do you think you are?* on television and I am sometimes amazed at the coincidences that have led to information which has been revealed, and which has given pleasure to the person making the enquiry to the TV programme.

Something of that nature came my way recently when I attended the funeral of a cousin's wife in Cardiff, where I met relatives I had not ever seen or heard of up to that occasion.

My mother was a Wakefield, one of a family of eight, comprising six daughters and two sons, all born in Cardiff in the second half of the 19th century.

One son, Tom, died in Cardiff, circa 1924 and the other son, Albert (uncle Bert), as a young lad, after leaving school, became a messenger boy employed by the Post Office to deliver telegrams – long before house telephones were available.

He was soon called up to serve in the 1914-1918 war but, sadly, he never survived. The message that he had been taken prisoner was all the information that his family ever had and my mother always lamented the fact that no further information was forthcoming during her lifetime, as to how he met his sad end.

In March this year, I saw an obituary notice referring to a lady I believed was the wife (widow) of a first cousin of mine



A family photograph of Uncle Bert on the back of which is stated: "Mother's brother, Bert Wakefield. Taken prisoner of war in the period 1914-1918. Never heard of afterwards." It is not known how old he was when the photograph was taken by WK Cox & Co, 199 Bute Road, Cardiff, but it is assumed that he was in his 20s.

(also deceased) and I felt the urge to attend the funeral at Cardiff.

Together with my son, we met aunts, nieces, cousins and families we had never seen before, and our presence was appreciated.

One lady cousin, now living away, was particularly pleased to see us and we learned that she has been working on the compilation of a family tree, and thus was interested to learn whether I

could help in any way.

We have been in touch ever since, exchanging views photographs etc, and I mentioned Uncle Bert Wakefield and the fact that the only information received was that he was taken as a prisoner of war.

Very recently, we received by e-mail information that my lady cousin had gained through her efforts, and this e-mail included the official declaration and a photograph of Albert's last resting place.

He died on June 27, 1918, at the age of 37 (a coincidence that my birthday falls on June 26). Although the cause of his death is not given, the knowledge that his memorial stone can be seen and is well cared for, is gratifying, albeit that it is located on foreign soil.

I cannot explain why I felt so strong an urge to attend that funeral at Cardiff, but the pleasure of seeing relatives for the first time and the information regarding mother's brother, Bert, leads me to think that fate decided I should attend.

Although it is late in life for me to learn about relations I knew nothing about, one cousin is delighted that we met and succeeding correspondence has enabled her to complete the family tree.

ALFRED MILLS
(Barry)

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Rotary club

Irish night

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Doors open 7pm and the show starts at 8pm. For tickets, telephone 07850 607300 (or available on the night).

Harvest festival

SULLY Christian Fellowship is holding a harvest festival at 11am on Sunday, October 11, at the Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully, when Rev John James will be leading the service, and children from Sully Primary School will be taking part.

The proceeds will be given to Rainbow of Hope, a registered charity in Cardiff which provides meals for the homeless and food parcels for needy families.

Sun shines on finals day at Wenvoe Castle

THE golf course was in immaculate condition for finals day at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club.

The finalists enjoyed absolutely perfect weather conditions and the glorious sunshine encouraged a large numbers of spectators who turned out to follow and support the players.

A total of 10 club finals were played, together with the final of the Hallett Society Team Championships and The Hallett Society Plate Final.

Players and visiting teams were very complimentary about the general condition of the course, and particularly the greens, which had now returned to the high standards traditionally enjoyed at Wenvoe Castle.

The Men's Club Championship was between defending champion Nick James and former club champion and Welsh Seniors champion Keith Stimpson.

Everyone anticipated a high quality game and they were not disappointed. Nick James birdied the first two holes and this was the first of 13 birdies recorded by both players.

The match finished on the 30th hole, with yet another birdie and Nick, playing off a plus-3 handicap, was too strong for Keith on the day.

The club captain, Brian Green, had the privilege of refereeing the contest and thoroughly enjoyed watching the shot making and skill of young Nick and the more seasoned 'Stimmo'. The result means that Nick has now won this trophy four times and whoever tries to take it off him will have to play some outstanding golf.

The Ladies Club Championship was between last year's winner Lyn Williams and Sue MacPherson.

Sue had a great start and was always ahead in the match, but a determined Lyn Williams kept pulling the match back. It was an exciting match, but in the end the more experienced Sue MacPherson turned out to be a worthy winner by 5 and 4. The match was refereed by the lady captain Delyth Thomas, who praised both players for their ability and sportsmanship during the game.

The R Rickards Cup was won by Matthew Gill, who birdied the 18th hole to beat David Harris in a thrilling encounter. Dave held the lead throughout the game until the low handicap Matt managed to work some magic on the last few holes.

Another brilliant game to watch, played in a fine spirit and refereed by vice-captain Chris Tatt.

The Regans Foursomes was won by Brian Brooks and last year's captain Peter Hennessey, when they beat the much-fancied Mike Lee and Jeff Hudd in a match that was close until the final few holes when Peter and Brian took control.

This match was refereed by former captain Brian McConkey.

The Dragon Trophy, was refereed by former captain Kevin Mooney and contested by 16-year-old Sam Harris and David Isles. This match produced some fine golf and finally the more experienced Dave came through the winner.

Kevin Mooney was full of praise for both players and extremely impressed with the

way young Sam played and conducted himself.

The Junior Championship was between Jordan Ivory and defending champion Rhys Collier. A closely-fought match over 36 holes finally ended with Jordan winning by just one hole.

Match referee and junior leader Cyril Evans spoke well of both boys and the future of Wenvoe Castle Golf Club looks bright with such talent coming through.

The Junior Bronze Shield was won by Rhys Ivory, who had played particularly well to reach the final. Disappointingly, his opponent Nathan McCarthy was unable to play on the day and Rhys was duly awarded the title.

The Dr AM Jones Mixed Foursomes final was between last year's winners Jeff Plevy and club secretary Nicola Sims against Gareth Duddridge and Pat Jarvis. This was a game that could have gone either way but in the end Jeff and Nicola took the honours and retained the trophy for another year.

The Mary Fellows Bowl final saw Chris Robinson playing the in-form Sandra Cook, who has won a lot of competitions this year. The match was refereed by former ladies captain Marilyn Davies, and in a close game, Chris proved to be just too strong for Sandra on the day.

The Ladies Bronze Shield was between Sue Dayananda and the very consistent Wendy Motton. This game was refereed by vice-captain Wendy McConkey, who enjoyed another very exciting contest, resulting in a fine win for Sue Dayananda.

(See next week for pictures of the event).

NEWS FROM THE PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

THE SECRET TO A SAFE SECRET NUMBER

HAVE you given away your banking details yet? No? Are you sure? Lots of people have done so inadvertently, or at least partly so.

We are not concerned here about the reputable companies that can be trusted with your card details over the telephone or when buying on-line. In fact, we are not talking about companies at all, but there are always some nasty people about who are looking for ways to part the unwary from their money.

You might have seen recent worries expressed about the amount of information people put on social websites such as Facebook and thought that you would never be that free with your details. You might have to think again.

Passwords are used to protect your information, your identity and your money. To be effective they need to be secret. That means not giving them away.

With credit cards, you are given definite instructions that you must never write down your PIN (Personal Identification Number) on pain of losing your protection if somebody discovers it and steals from your account.

It is easy to construct nonsense passwords; you could do it by picking scabble tiles out of a bag and throwing in a few numbers to improve it. There is snag of course (isn't there always?) You have to remember it!

Step forward birthdays; names of pets; nick-names; favourite flowers, favourite colours; postcodes; where you spent your honeymoon; mother's maiden name; children's birthdays; name of your house; birthdays backwards and so on. Surely no-one will be able to guess those. Then you tell the world what they are!

No, you don't put them onto a social website, but you do put them on your own website as part of your family tree. One of the common checks by your bank to ensure you are who you say you are is to ask for your mother's maiden

name. I remember a tale of a teacher, Mr Stoker, who challenged his class to discover his password. It took them no time at all to discover the password was aludard. (Dracula backwards; they knew that Dracula was written by Bram Stoker).

The point here is to avoid the obvious, but still that question of being able to remember it remains.

It is possible to buy a piece of software that will generate and remember passwords for you. The programme itself will be protected by a password and (in case your computer is lost, stolen or fails) you will need to make sure that you have a backup available or you will lose all your passwords.

The passwords it generates will be truly difficult to discover as they will incorporate a mixture of capitals, lower case, numbers and symbols. They could also be truly difficult to remember!

There are ways to make your own without too much trouble. As above, simply reversing the characters is not enough. You could, for instance add (or subtract) a fixed number of days, weeks, months or years to a birthday or anything.

Do you remember quiz sheets that challenged you to figure out that mtwtfss stood for days of the week or otfff (for one, two, three, four, five).

How about sittasd

for "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day", or any favourite line of poetry, proverb or saying. Try two short words put together such as plum and belt to make plumbelt or pbleulmt.

You can further improve security by interspersing the letters with a personal number and throwing in the odd capital letter. You simply have to remember your system, not dozens of passwords. And, of course, you should change them from time to time.

We intend to devote

our meeting on October 27 to a look at Windows 7 operating system to be launched five days earlier.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 13, 7.30 for 8pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. I will re-visit golden rules and the things you wish someone had told you when you started computing and introduce some new ones. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information ring me on 029 2070 8439.

Howard Desmond

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'Inspirational' Alex is Blues' VIP guest



LEFT: Ysgol Erw'r Delyn pupil Alex Evans meets Cardiff Blues stars Dafydd James and Dai Flanagan, after being selected as the club's first winner of the EADS Grassroots Community Prize.

CARDIFF BLUES' recent showdown with the Scarlets was extra special for a pupil from the Ysgol Erw'r Delyn special needs school in Penarth.

Sixteen-year-old Alex Evans was the Blues' VIP guest for the Magners League derby clash, after being selected as the club's first winner of the EADS Grassroots Community Prize.

The prize is given to deserving volunteers for their work with clubs and schools across the Blues region.

Alex, who has the degenerative condition, Ataxia Telangiectasia, was nominated following the inspirational talks he has given to primary school pupils in the Vale about his love of rugby.

As an eight-year-old, Alex played one season for Beddau RFC on the wing, just like his

hero Shane Williams, before his condition prevented him from taking to the field any more.

The Vale Council's rugby development officer, Matt Silva, arranged Alex's visits to local schools after being touched by the teenager's passion for the game.

Matt said: "The way that Alex gets on with his life, in spite of his condition, is an absolute inspiration."

"The presentations that he has given to children in the Vale have taught them about rugby and his enthusiasm for the sport is sure to have rubbed off on them."

"It is great that people in the community around the Blues region can be recognised by EADS' excellent award, and Alex is a very deserving winner."

"It was also nice for his father and brother, who are avid Blues supporters, to have a night out

with Alex and be spoiled a bit."

As part of his prize, Alex's family were treated to luxury seats for the match, while at half-time, Alex took to the field to be presented with a signed rugby ball from Blues' stars Dafydd James and Dai Flanagan.

Alex said: "The evening was fantastic and the Blues made me feel special from the minute I arrived."

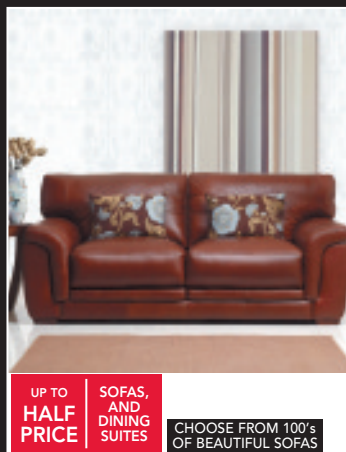
"The best part of the evening was meeting the players at half-time and after the game."

"I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Matt Silva for putting me up for the award, and EADS and the Blues for giving me a great evening."

If you would like to find out more about rugby development in the Vale of Glamorgan, call Matt Silva on 01446 704603.

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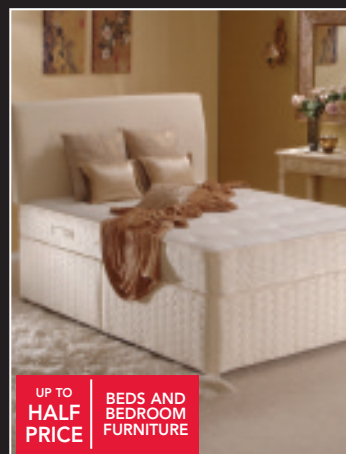
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Llancarfan school pupils wow the Penmark festival

LLANCARFAN Primary School Choir, sang at Penmark music festival recently.

They sang 'A Whole New World', 'Moon River', 'Beauty and the Beast' and 'Rhythm of Life'.

The choir was accompanied by our musical director, Mrs Christofides, and our headteacher, Mr Lewis, was a great conductor!

The choir was nervous to start with but then we all really enjoyed it. Everyone worked hard to learn all the songs and we hope the audience had a wonderful time.

It was a great day out and we hope to do it again soon. *Report by Libby and Mali*



Pupils help the NSPCC

THE children of Llancarfan Primary School recently had a visit from Linda Killick, of the NSPCC.

She explained to the children about the good work that the national charity does, and how it relies upon the generosity of the public for funds.

The children were then asked to take part in a sponsored spell and raise money for the NSPCC.

The school's head-

teacher, Mr Huw Lewis, said: "The effort of the children was superb and they raised the fantastic amount of £942."

"Thank you to everyone who took part and all those who sponsored the children. Every penny raised will go towards making a better life for children less fortunate than us."

Vale strategy for the care of older people

AT a Care and Repair conference in the Marriot Hotel recently, vice-chairperson Rene Gannon and Winnie Davies, executive member of the Vale of Glamorgan Older People's Strategy Forum, gave a presentation on the Care and Repair service, from older people's perspective.

Shayne Hembrow from Wales and West HA, spoke on future plans for their sheltered housing.

Gwenda Thomas AM, gave the Welsh Assembly's perspective, and what they saw as the future for older people.

Valeways walks

OCTOBER 11, 2:30pm, Border Vale Mansions, Start - Llansannor circular St Senwyr Church, Llansannor SS 994 775; October 13, 1:30pm, Aberthaw Nature Trail, Start - Car park opposite Blue Anchor Inn, Aberthaw; October 18, 2pm, Porthkerry and Rhose Millennium Trail, Start - St Curig Church, Porthkerry Village; October 21, 2pm, Marcross - fields and valley, Start - Horseshoe Inn, Marcross; October 24, 2pm, Marconi Circular, Start - Cliff Top Car Park, Penarth; October 25, 2pm, Porthkerry and Millward, Start - All Saints Church, Park Rd, Barry; October 27, 1:30pm, Sully Beach, Start - Sully Inn Car Park, Sully.

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Bridgend AM goes for Labour leadership

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THE fact that Bridgend AM Carwyn Jones intended to stand as Leader of the Labour Group in the National Assembly was not a huge surprise.

Indeed, by the time Mr Jones officially launched his leadership campaign on Monday evening at the Ogmore Constituency Labour Club, much had already been written in the press confirming that he would be running.

However, the launch was very much a chance for Carwyn Jones to be among old friends, and his speech included many references to Bridgend politics.

In particular, Mr Jones spoke about the lessons learned when Labour lost control of Bridgend County Borough Council (CBC) and about the campaign to win it back.

He told his audience: "I worked with you in 'Team Bridgend' to help Labour win back our council.

"We had to listen to people. We had to learn from people.

"To win back Wales, Welsh Labour has to listen.

"To earn the right to lead Wales, we have to show we understand Wales as it is, not Wales as it was."

Labour politicians who have declared their

support for Mr Jones, include Environment Minister Jane Davidson, AM for Pontypridd, the first Cabinet Minister to do so.

Wrexham Assembly Member Lesley Griffiths also declared her support last night, following endorsements from Anglesey MP Albert Owen and Cardiff South and Penarth AM Lorraine Barrett on Friday.

The Rhondda Assembly Member Leighton Andrews has confirmed that he will be Mr Jones' campaign manager.

The chair of the campaign will be Coun David Sage of Bridgend.

After the launch speech, Carwyn Jones was interviewed by BBC and ITV news.



ABOVE: Carwyn Jones with prominent politicians who have already declared their support for his campaign. In the photograph are AMs Jane Davidson, Lesley Griffiths, John Griffiths and Leighton Andrews.

PORHTCAWL UNDER-13s GAIN THE UPPER HAND

PORHTCAWL under-13s made the short journey to Bridgend Athletic, and both sides were without a number of players through district commitments.

Bridgend started the better and had the majority of territory for the first 10 minutes and only stem Porthcawl defence kept the Athletic from scoring.

After weathering the storm, the Panthers managed to get on the front foot, giving players an opportunity to run at the home team.

After strong running by Jack Hubbard-Miles for one try, and some good play from Oliver Hopkins for another, the half ended 0-14 to the visitors.

The second half started in a similar fashion to the first, with the Bridgend side crossing the try line for their first score. The game then entered an exciting stage, with both teams attacking and defending resolutely, contributing to an entertaining game.

As the game progressed, the Panthers started to find some consistency and the visitors managed to cross the Athletic line on another four occasions. Tries were scored by Jack Hubbard-Miles, Zachary Jones and Callum Chilcott.

Overall, Porthcawl were pleased with their performance and when the referee blew the final whistle, the score was 5-36 in favour of the Panthers.

Both the Porthcawl and Bridgend teams will have a totally different look about them for the return fixture in March; as both squads should see the return of players absent from this game on district duty.

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Pencoed under-11s renew rivalry with the Ath and the Sports

PENCOED under-11s played their two Bridgend rivals – the Athletic and the Sports.

The first encounter saw Pencoed get quickly into gear against Bridgend Sports as their ball handling resulted in a try from Sam Costelow.

The rucking and mauling was text book as again and again phases of play were made and flyer Tyrone Harding went over, followed by Mikey Bosley and Jonathan Carr.

The Sports were committed in attack but hardly ever broke the gain line as Owain John, Ben Humphries, Mikey Bosley and Rhys Spurgeon hit the tackle area with technique and aggression.

Consequently, they won quick ball for more tries from Rhys Bending, Thomas Bending and Owain John.

When subs Jack Rowlands and Ben Jones came on, the momentum continued with them both breaking the gain line and offloading, creating tries for Jon Carr, Mikey Bosley and Sam Costelow.

The Sports side never gave in and ran in a try before the end.

Bridgend Sports 1, Pencoed 11
The tension was electric as the whistle went for the start of the match against the Athletic.

From the first contact, Pencoed played 'go forward' rugby at every stage.

Mikey Bosley, Oliver Lewis and Rhys Bending made terrific driving runs, setting up rolling mauls where Jon Carr, Owain John and Rhys

Spurgeon exploited the fringes.

Quick ball was delivered to Sam Costelow who ran in two tries.

Training ground moves dominated play as the Athletic were shocked at the continuous attacks.

At each phase, Pencoed kept regaining possession and making turnovers.

Flyer Tyrone Harding was kept out with some desperate defence and Ben Jones and Jack Rowlands almost went over in the corner.

Ben Humphries carried two players twice his size five yards, only to set the ball back for Owain John and Mikey Bosley to wipe out and let Jack Rowlands feed that boy, Sam Costelow, to run in a further two tries.

Pencoed ran out worthy winners 0-4 and it was great to see the appreciation of all who were watching and the encouragement from the Bridgend Athletic coaches.

The Ath are a formidable club – what will happen at the next encounter? I for one can't wait.

From such a terrific team performance it was difficult to single out one player but man-of-the-match was Mikey Bosley, whose all round game was applauded by all.

Special mention must go to Sam Costelow for 'Shane-like' finishing and Oliver Lewis.

Team: Sam Costelow, Ben Humphries, Jack Rowlands, Ben Jones, Owain John, Tyrone Harding, Rhys Spurgeon, Rhys Bending, Thomas Bending, Jonathan Carr and Mikey Bosley.

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BRYNCETHIN JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT

Under-8s in seven-try thriller against Nanty!

IN an entertaining and close game of rugby, Bryncethin under-8s continued to show the excellent teamwork they have developed over the last few weeks, passing the ball to create space out wide and then using quick off-loads to set up the first try of the game, which Billy Sinclair scored.

Bryncethin scored their second try from deep inside their own half following a turnover. Will Laverick received the pass, before cutting swiftly inside and darting through the whole defence with some superb running to complete a fantastic solo effort.

Nantyffyllon came back strongly and scored two very good tries of their own.

At the next attacking opportunity, the Bryncethin team worked the whole width of the pitch, to stretch the defence.

Ifan Hunnam then finished off the move with direct running, after excellent support play, to make the half-time score 3-2 to Bryncethin.

The second half started with Nantyffyllon applying all the early pressure with strong running and handling that resulted in a try to bring the score level.

Every Bryncethin player then worked even harder in defence, closing down the space to claim the visitors' tags and force them backwards.

When the ball finally broke for Bryncethin, it was Billy Sinclair who scored his second try, which capped off his stand-out performance award.

In the final seconds of the game, Miles Blakeman made a superb break out of defence, evading several attempted challenges and darted straight down the touchline, only to be tagged a few yards from the try line.

This proved to be the final play of the match, and ensured that Bryncethin held on for their hard earned victory.

Final score: Bryncethin 4, Nantyffyllon 3

Match day squad: Holly Morgan (captain), Billy Sinclair, Ifan Hunnam, Will Laverick, Jake Whitefield, Mike Gillette, Rhys Cawley, Shea Francis, Rhys Williams, Josh Nuth, Miles Blakeman, Morgan Hughes

Under-7s are on form
BRYNCETHIN under-7s played outstanding open rugby, scoring several quality tries in this impressive team display against Llanharan.

Shaun Batchelor, on his debut, and Rhys Cawley both looked sharp from the start and took their chances very well with terrific speed and evasive running for the first two Bryncethin tries.

Ifan Hunnam produced a captain's performance with superb pace and support play for both of his two tries, which gave the home team a deserved 4-0 half-time lead.

The second half began with some great play in attack and defence. On two occasions, Will Laverick received the ball and broke clean through the Llanharan defence, only for the scores to be disallowed by earlier infringements.

At the next attacking opportunity, Morgan Hughes quickly gathered the loose ball and off-loaded to Josh Nuth. His accurate and well-timed pass allowed Jake Whitefield to finish off the flowing move by darting through the stretched Llanharan defensive line.

Excellent defensive work throughout the team was crucial in preventing the visitors from scoring. Holly Morgan and Mike Gillette showed tremendous commitment in defence throughout the whole game, rapidly closing down the space and forcing Llanharan backward on numerous occasions.

Confident running and passing, involving Shea Francis and Morgan Hughes, led to the first of Rhys

Williams' two tries. His second try came after excellent support play, receiving the ball out wide from Billy Sinclair and then winning the foot race for the corner to complete the final score.

This week's stand-out performance award went to Miles Blakeman for his excellent support in attack, coupled with a fantastic tag count in defence, well done!

Final score: Bryncethin 7, Llanharan 0

Match day squad: Ifan Hunnam (captain), Shaun Batchelor, Miles Blakeman, Rhys Cawley, Shea Francis, Mike Gillette, Morgan Hughes, Will Laverick, Holly Morgan, Josh Nuth, Billy Sinclair, Jake Whitefield, Rhys Williams.

Under-9s grab away victory
BRYNCETHIN under-9s travelled for this contest against near neighbours.

The Bryncethin youngsters started strongly, firstly by repelling some constant attacking from their opponents and then by hitting back.

Daniel Osarigie scored a trademark try by using his pace to outstrip the Sports defence. This was quickly followed by Josh Napper, who made a superb break and made it all the way to score.

Bridgend Sports hit back hard and were rewarded when Bryncethin conceded their first scores of the season with two quick tries before half time.

Following a half-time talk from the coaches, the Bryncethin team came out strongly with good work from Rhys Davies, Jack Thomas and Finlay Mullens in both defence and attack.

Following a period of pressure, Tobias Hunt made a run for the try line and was able to touch down after being driven over by Aaron Thomas and Ethan Hopkins.

The Bryncethin team were working hard now and special mention must go to Morgan Stevens and Davis Pilkington for both defensive and offensive work.

As the game progressed, Bryncethin got stronger and Josh Napper made another darting run for his second try.

This was quickly followed by excellent driving by Bryncethin, allowing Tobias Hunt to pick up and power over for his second from another powerful Bryncethin move.

Final score: Bridgend Sports 2, Bryncethin 5

Bryncethin: Ethan Hopkins (captain), Josh Napper, Jack Thomas, Tobias Hunt, Rhys Davies, Finlay Mullens, Aaron Thomas, Daniel Osarigie, Morgan Stevens and Davis Pilkington

Man-of-the-day: Daniel Osarigie
A STRONG Nantyffyllon team were just able to outmuscle Bryncethin under-9s in what was a close contest. Both teams were tenacious in attack and defence.

There was a strong showing from Davis Pilkington and Rhys Davies, and special mentions for Keiron Dixon and Dylan Evans, who both made their debuts.

Score: Bryncethin 0, Nantyffyllon 2

Bryncethin: Daniel Osarigie (captain), Ethan Hopkins, Josh Napper, Jack Thomas, Tobias Hunt, Rhys Davies, Finlay Mullens, Aaron Thomas, Dylan Evans, Keiron Dixon, Morgan Stevens and Davis Pilkington.

Homes & Gardens

Who wants to build what and where in the Vale?

TJ Kinsey & Sons – **land at Weycock Road, Barry** – erection of agricultural barn (re-submission of App No 2007/01535/OUT). SGS Scaffolding Cardiff Ltd – **houses 2 and 4, Balmoral Quays, Penarth Esplanade, Penarth** – renew roof covering in natural slate. Ms Helen Morgan – **13 Meliden Road, Penarth** – proposed ground floor rear extension. Mr Robert Morgan – **The Stables, St Donats** – ground and first floor extension to contain sitting room and office. Conversion of attic to form an additional bedroom. Dr SK Mughal – **Sunrise Residential Home, 11 Porthkerry Road, Barry** – extension for lift shaft. Mr Ian Branch – **91 Eastgate, Cowbridge** – minor alteration to existing timber shop front to incorporate lower sill level. Mr Andrew Wood – **21 Meliden Road, Penarth** – storey rear extension. Mr Anthony Saunders – **24 Heol Corswigen, Barry** – proposed first floor extension and garage conversion. Mr Adrian Rowe – **Chapel House, Rhosce Road, Rhosce** – addition of dormer to rear roof

plane to allow for loft conversion. New porch to side of property and creation of balcony on existing single storey flat roof extension. Mr and Mrs Parker – **Llwyn Rhyddid House, Hensol** – proposed garage/garden store. Mr Rhys and Alys Price – **Curnix Barn, Curnix, Moulton** – to rescind condition 3 of planning permission 2004/00003/FUL to allow retention of the northern vehicular access gate. JG Osborne – **39 Westward Rise, Barry** – crown thin, crown lift and balance ash and remove one Eucalyptus. Mrs Louise Lewis – **67 Llanmaes Road, Llantwit Major** – first floor extension over existing garage and renew prefabricated utility room in masonry construction. Mr Michael Bridge – **Glenburn, Alberta Road, Penarth** – enlargement of first floor to create improved bedroom area and dressing room. Mr Ian Soloman – **1 Hillcrest, off Gileston Road, St Athan** – proposed detached garage. Mr Mike Roach – **Brynheulog Farm, St Andrews Road, Wenvoe** – replacement dwelling on grounds of existing

nursery. Mr David Little – **Golygfa, Colwinston** – variation of approved scheme for new dwelling to provide porch and conservatory extension and solar panel bank (amendment to 2008/01028/FUL). Mr Stuart Williamson – **Midfield House, Pen Y Turnpike Road, Dinas Powys** – loft conversion. Mr and Mrs G Perkins – **Castle Court, Broad Close Lane, Moulton** – construction of Gabion retaining walling and associated engineering works and changes to adjoining ground levels. Mr Patrick Davies – **Old Barn Cottage, Church Road, Llanblethian** – removal of Cypress trees (hedge). Mr Jason Chadwick – **New Look, 102-106 Holton Road, Barry** – internally illuminated fascia and projecting sign. Mr Mark Haynes – **Victoria Primary School, Cornerswell Road, Penarth** – change of use of existing residential dwelling of the caretaker's house to classrooms on the ground floor, new toilets on the first floor with a view to use two other rooms as offices. Mr and Mrs David Shields – **land at Pear Tree Cottage, Marcross** – erection of one dwelling (outline). Mr Andrew Bowen – **off Wimbourne Road, adjacent to Dow Corning private access road, Barry** – modification to the sewer network at Barry East Storm Pumping Station. Mr C Davies – **Old Paddock Cottage, St Brides Major** – proposed single storey pitched/lean-to roofs extension, proposed first floor pitched roof extension. Mrs T Jenkins – **Stallcourt House, Stallcourt Close, Llanblethian** – erection of free standing, single storey, timber framed, glazed conservatory. Mr Dave Meaden – **165 Plymouth Road,**

Penarth – single storey extension to rear. Construction of second storey over existing single storey extension at rear of house. Roof space to contain an extension to existing loft conversion to contain two bedrooms and a bathroom. New roof over existing garage. Mr John Meredith – **17 Barons Close, Llantwit Major** – amendment to application 2007/00721/FUL to increase size of single storey annex to front of dwelling. Mr Liaqat Khan – **1 Plymouth Road, Barry** – house of multiple occupation with 11 bedrooms, kitchen, three bathrooms and living rooms. Mr Lyndsay Llewellyn – **Old Beaupre Farm, St Hilary, Cowbridge** – proposed extension to existing cattle in-wintering building to cover existing yard. Ms Thomas – **Sully House, Swanbridge** – roof extension over rear annex with Velux rooflights, single storey rear/side extension, and balustrading over front. Mrs Barnes – **24 Andover Close, Barry** – single storey extension to side of property. ABK Property (South Wales) LLP – **land adjacent to New Parc Farm, St Donats** – erection of four detached dwellings and garages and re-alignment of access to site, together with the demolition of existing precast atcost type farm buildings. Master Andy Long – **74 Castle Avenue, Penarth** – ornamental railings and sliding gate to drive to enclose forecourt area. Mr WD Minns, **24 Heol Yr Ysgol, St Brides Major** – new detached dwelling in rear garden. Mrs N Johnson, **7 Craven Walk, Penarth** – single storey extension to existing garage, to include sun room and workshop. Miss K McConnochie, **Tyle House, Tyle House Close, Llanmaes** – fell mature Ash.

Esa Tree Care Ltd, **The Croft, Methodist Lane, Llantwit Major** – crown lift Yew off drive up to three metres. **Colwinston Church, Colwinston** – crown lift Yew near path. **St Nicholas Church, St Nicholas** – crown lift various trees. **London & Stirling, Unit B, Vale Gate Retail Park, Culverhouse Cross** – install two new water tanks and one pump room for new sprinkler system to existing unit. The tanks and pump room are to be installed to the rear of the unit. Mr David Hoskins, **2 Readers Way, Rhosce** – remove Elders/Hawthorns from rear garden. Mrs Howell-Richardson, **Fairmead Lodge, St Nicholas** – remove Holm Oak. Mr K Jackson, **80 Tynnewydd Road, Barry** – take down rear kitchen/toilet extension and construct new single storey extension for kitchen/breakfast room. Mrs Kath Bevan, **75 Broad Street, Barry** – conversion of a four-bedroom house into two two-bedroom apartments. Mr Carey Johnson, **Brooklands Hall, Brook Lane, St Nicholas** – reconstruction of dwelling. Ms Ann Hollyman, **The Post Office, 13 Glebe Street, Penarth** – single storey rear extension. Tesco Stores Ltd, **57 Holton Road, Barry** – installation of ATM and secure room door. Five internally illuminated

fascia signs, two internally illuminated projecting signs and various other vinyls and minor advertisements. Installation of shopfront and external alterations. Installation of three air-conditioning units and one condenser unit. Mr Salvatore Erri, **Maerdy Newydd Farm, Bonvilston** – private manege and associated landscape planting. Barry Arts Centre, **Winston Road, Colcot, Barry** – retention of prefabricated units to rear of building. Professor Beddoe, **4 Heol Y Gaer, The Knap, Barry** – replace first floor conservatory with same as existing. PW Millar Ltd, **Port Road East, Barry** – rebranding of existing Texaco illuminated image on the forecourt canopy, forecourt stanchions and primary identifier display (PID or pole sign). Mr and Mrs Jenkins, **30 Main Road, Ogmorbey-Sea, Bridgend** – rear extensions, alteration to roof and detached garage. Mr Rod Brown, **Little Coldbrook House, Coldbrook Road East, Barry** – detached garage with storage cover. Ms Gaynor, **22 Heol Ger Y Felin, Llanilltud Fawr** – two storey side extension to house. Mr Nicholas Guard, **Greenhaven, Beach Road, Gileston** – amendments to planning application to change garage from a hipped roof structure to gable end with dormer in roof space.

Tenants gather for Hub advice

THE Newydd Housing Association AGM held at the Hub in Barry drew tenants from across south Wales.

With a DVD starring comedienne Jo Brand, on ways to save money and cut energy costs, stalls were also set up, with organisations such as the Vale CAB, Thompson Street 'Drop in Centre' and the Vale Council offering advice.

Jane Hutt, AM for the Vale, visited the Money Market to meet tenants and Newydd Housing Association Chair, Gail Lancaster.



Jane Hutt AM with Thompson Street Tenants.

Mr P Devji, **Custom House, 41 Dock View Road, Barry** – conversion of 16 flats and conversion of workshop to a retail shop in basement. Mr Roger Arthur, **Littlewood Cottage, Wick Road, St Brides Major** – two storey extension to rear of property and conservatory. Mr Stephen Hicks, **West Aberthaw Farm, West Aberthaw** – variation of condition two of planning application. Mr S Dodd, **32 Clos Y Fulfran, Barry** – single storey extension with terrace above. Juliette balcony to first floor front elevation.

Abbey, **4-4A Windsor Road, Penarth** – various illuminated and non-illuminated signage. Mr Peter Davies, **1 Maes y Felin, Llandow, Cowbridge** – first floor extension above existing single storey side extension. Mr Richard Valentine Tymaen, **Ty Maen Farm, Ystradowen, Cowbridge** – rear extension. Ms Lis Neil, **The Vale Hospital, Hensol Castle Estate, Pontyclun** – relocation of the electric substation in a single storey group housing and stand-by generator.

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THE SECRETS OF BEING AT EASE IN THE OFFICE PARTY

By Sarah Marshall
and Susan Griffin

LOOKING for a bit of flirty fun this festive season? The GEM looks at how to outshine the competition at Christmas parties and discover the secrets of successful flirting.

Like turkey with all the trimmings, or karaoke renditions of Slade, the office Christmas party is a tradition to be embraced but once a year.

Most people use it as an excuse to let loose at their employer's expense, but a growing number are seizing the opportunity to release pent-up romantic tensions, translating furtive glances shared over a PC desktop into true love.

In the past, free food and booze have always been the biggest draw, but in this credit-crunch climate – where the petty cash is unlikely to stretch beyond a paltry mince pie – a chance to flirt with work colleagues could provide the biggest pull.

According to Elizabeth Kuhnke, author of *Body Language For Dummies*, this is a great time of year to be looking for a new partner.

She said: "The festive season is the ideal time to look for love.

"Parties are in abundance, meaning spirits are high and inhibitions are low."

Unfortunately, it's also the same time of year

that most of us are looking pale, sun-starved and weathered by the elements. For Kuhnke, though, that's not a problem. Successful singles aren't always the belles of the ball.

She explained: "It's a little known fact that availability counts for more than beauty in the dating game.

"A man will tend to pursue a woman who may not be the most attractive in the room, as long as she's giving off signals indicating her availability. The most important thing to understand when searching for a partner is how to communicate your interest."

Kuhnke adds: "Women focus on their hair, clothing and make-up when preparing to go out, but they must also remember that their body language is instrumental for gaining and maintaining the interest of a partner.

"Understanding the key signals, and using them to your advantage, matters more than an outfit."

So dressing up – or down – is the easy part, and hours wasted styling hair could be better spent learning how to flick locks coquettishly. In fact, the only things we should really be applying in the mirror are body language techniques.

Sending out signals by means of subtle physical nuances might sound complicated, but it all comes under the umbrella of flirting.

So how do you perfect it to a fine art?

"The essence of a good flirt is confidence, empathy and humour," says Jean Smith, a social anthropologist and founder of Flirting & Walking tours in London (www.allureseminars.com).

"A good flirt makes the other person feel good, and because they're so confident, they don't need the validation back – although they always get it."

What's more, flirting can be used as a tool to generate success in other areas of your life.

Peta Heskell, the original flirt coach and board member of The Academy of Marriage, Sex and Relationships (www.flirtingacademy.com), agrees.

She said: "When you can flirt with anyone, for fun, with or without the sexual element and you know who to flirt with and who not to, it

makes people feel good about you and that leads to social and business success."

It may not always seem the case, but according to Heskell, we were all born flirts.

She insisted: "Flirting is a natural mechanism designed to help us send signals to someone we like, so they might make the approach, but some of us have had it parented, or schooled out of us."

Sadly, many of us have lost the confidence to flirt, but there are plenty of DIY steps you can take.

If you're shy, Heskell suggest practicing with older people or children.

She explained: "They're more amenable to connection as they're often less inhibited and more laid back. Put your full attention on them as they come towards you, think nice thoughts about them, and look at them.

"It isn't rocket science, smile and say hello. The more you practice, the more naturally you'll do it with someone you really like."

A good flirt will also learn to read situations well. Jane Hoskyn, dating expert at iVillage.co.uk, says listening is key. She suggests remembering things a man mentions early in the conversation and repeating them later, making him think you have a great deal in common.

And it's not only a case of developing your own body language, but also interpreting your partner's.

"If he likes you, he'll follow your eye contact by pushing his shoulders back and puffing out his chest – it's a primate thing," she says.

"Also watch out for a suppressed smile and super-quick raised eyebrows."

Once the art of flirting has been mastered and body language finely tuned, these transferable skills can be applied to all areas of life.

After all, it boils down to being more aware of other people, and that's something that can work all year round!

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RECOVERING FROM LAST NIGHT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

CHristmas is the season to be 'merry', but drinking too much might leave you the worse for wear.

One golden rule is: 'Never be tempted to drink and drive'.

So how can you avoid hangovers? And if you do have one, how can you cope with it?

HERE ARE YOUR TOP 12 TIPS FOR SURVIVAL:

1/ Make sure you have eaten before going to a party! Food slows down the absorption of alcohol and will protect your stomach lining.

2/ One rule is: 'Don't mix grape and grain.' Put simply, beer and whisky come from grain, whereas wine and cognac come from grapes. If you are not sure what sambuca, ouzo or retsina are made from, then you may have to do some research or ask a friendly waiter.

3/ Smoking makes you want to drink more, so avoid the temptation to light a cigarette, or cigar.

4/ Alcohol can dehydrate the body. To counteract the effect of dehydration, drink a pint of water before you go to bed.

5/ One remedy advised by people is taking evening primrose oil, which is alleged to boost liver function, helping the body break down alcohol in the system.

6/ Learn to say 'no' when you have reached your limit. Don't let people persuade you to drink more than you should.

7/ During a meal, drink water with your wine.

This will slow down your alcohol intake, and it will also stop that dehydration effect.

8/ Vitamin C in the form of orange juice or other citrus juices will help

neutralise the effects of alcohol.

9/ Make sure you eat a healthy balanced breakfast. Because alcohol stimulates the production of insulin, your blood sugar levels could well be low, and the food will take care of this.

10/ A classy 'hair of the dog' cure for a hangover is Fernet Branca. Take 25 per cent Fernet Branca, 25 per cent Italian Vermouth, and 50 per cent gin!

If that sounds like a mouthful you'd rather avoid, then try a shot of Fernet Branca in a cafe espresso!

11/ In complete contrast, the ancient Greeks (great thinkers!) were convinced that eating cabbage was a cure!

12/ Go back to tip number 6 and remind yourself that no one is funny if they've had too much to drink - they just look silly!

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Enjoy the Christmas party season, but here are a few tips to spare the waistline!

by KATE WHITING

DON'T end the year feeling like a stuffed sausage - find out how to wine and dine without ruining your waistline - or damaging your health!

The goose is getting fat, and so will we during the Christmas party season if we're not careful about what we eat in the next few months.

Every year, millions of us are tempted to start gobbling down mince pies earlier and earlier as supermarkets start promotions and we build up to the big calorie-fest that is Christmas week.

The average Brit consumes a gut-busting 7,000 calories on Christmas Day alone!

A seemingly innocent meal of a turkey sandwich, a leftover mince pie and a glass of wine comes to a whopping 930 calories, which you'd have to walk 9.3 miles to burn off.

Little wonder our clothes feel so tight on

January 1 each year.

But it's not all doom and gloom - with some careful planning it is possible to have a low calorie Christmas party season, says nutritionist Carrie Ruxton.

"It's important to think about what you're going to do over the festive period, so you don't end up having this weight gain and then feel miserable about it in January."

Carrie recommends deciding what your approach to Christmas eating and drinking will be, and then sticking to it.

"Dieticians always come across as killjoys during the Christmas period, but that's because our clinics are always flooded in January with people saying 'Oh dear, I've put on a stone, I'm so

depressed about it'. You can enjoy yourself, but you have to think ahead and make the right choices for you."

Here are Carrie's tips for a sensible intake:

MORE PROTEIN,

LESS FAT

"Think about the plates of food that you have and go for more turkey and more veg and then minimise the sauces and high fat ingredients like roast potatoes. Turkey is low in fat and very high in protein, which has been shown to make you feel full for longer, so you won't come back for more."

VARY YOUR

VEGETABLES

"Vegetables are low GI and high in fibre and will fill you up with fewer calories than fatty alternatives such

as nibbles and sausage rolls. But it's easy to get bored of veg over the Christmas season and then you'll start having smaller portions. Why not try roasting winter vegetables like swedes and onions or go for seasonal cabbage and spinach for a change?"

"Roasted potatoes are really really high in calories because they've been sitting in fat in the oven. Why not mash, bake or boil them for a healthier alternative?"

HAVE SMALLER PORTIONS

"In Mediterranean countries, they put a small amount on their plate and then, if they feel like it, they'll have some more. But in Britain, we load up the plate until it's overflow-

ing and then everybody feels obliged to eat everything on the plate. Switch to the Mediterranean style and you'll probably find you eat less."

CHOOSE HEALTHY STARTERS AND PUDDINGS

"Go for soup because it's more filling than greasy vol-au-vents or sausages on sticks, and for dessert, try something like meringue with fruit and natural yoghurt, which will be much lower calorie than the traditional pudding with custard and brandy butter."

"If you really have to have Christmas pudding, have a smaller portion than normal."

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ONCE AGAIN, THE VALE HAS A SEAFOOD RESTAURANT WORTHY OF THE NAME...

DINING REVIEW / Loch Fyne Restaurant by DON JOHN

FOR many years, one of the saddest sights for local food-lovers with long memories was the boarded-up, increasingly decrepit appearance of the former Mulligans fish restaurant, just outside Cowbridge.

Under its one-time owners, a local husband and wife team, it had built up a deserved reputation for excellent seafood cuisine, with its patrons drawn to the distinctive eatery from near and far afield, simply by word of mouth – in those far off days before computer blogs and Twitter sites!

After the couple's departure to pastures new, and following a change of direction in the hands of a brewery chain, the landmark building finally closed its doors, and was left to languish alongside the busy A48 road leading to Bridgend.

Until, that is, last year when the building was acquired by the Scottish Loch Fyne Restaurants group, which in a surprisingly short space of time, has not only tastefully restored the iconic Vale venue, but is now set on elevating it to the higher reaches of the specialised seafood niche market.

The new-look Loch Fyne Restaurant opened for the first time on July 21, 2008, under its young general manager, Emma Passmore.

Though still only 24, she has already had four years management experience with the company, including a stint as general manager at Loch Fyne's Henley on Thames restaurant, and also at Leeds – having been picked out as an early high flier during part-time waitress work, while still a student at Bristol university.

Having been sent to launch the new Vale restaurant, she lived in a temporary hut on site for weeks beforehand, while arranging the furnishing of the interior, recruiting staff, and preparing for the big day.

"We had to start the restaurant completely from scratch after the extensive renovation work on the building was complete. It was just a shell," she recalls with a smile.

"They said to me: 'It's all yours, Emma. See



Pictures by Mike Wilcock



Ready to serve....Loch Fyne's head chef, local boy Gareth Howard and general manager Emma Passmore.

you in six weeks' – and I just had to get on with it...There was no gas supply, all of the furniture and fittings had to be ordered, and I had to interview hundreds of people for 35 jobs!"

Did the prospect of launching the restaurant at the height of a national 'credit crunch' faze her? Was she worried that cash-strapped diners would stay away from the new venture?

"Not really. In fact, before we had even opened, the phones began ringing and they haven't stopped since."

"At the start, we had so many customers that we had to turn some away, in order to ensure the high standards of service we have set ourselves," she says.

Curiosity (and perhaps a touch of nostalgia?) may have been a factor in the surge of interest, though no doubt underpinned by Loch Fyne's reputation, built up from its early days as a humble oyster bar, for a unique approach to sustainable farming of fish stocks, including salmon (scrupulously avoiding the threatened wild variety), from its culinary base in the pristine waters of Scotland's longest sea loch on the west coast.

From there, the streams of fresh fish, oysters, lobsters and various other shellfish, are dispatched to the Vale and other Loch Fyne

restaurants, as well as outlets across the UK, and beyond.

The result is a controlled yet eye-catching menu of well-presented, not unreasonably-priced, tasty seafood delights to tempt the most discerning of palates – without necessitating a visit to the bank manager!

The 11 starters on offer vary in price from £5 for mussel, clam and tomato chowder; Scottish herring fillets in four marinades with crème fraîche and pickled cucumber (£6); up to £7 for Loch Fyne oysters on ice with accompaniments.

(For variation, there was even a Scottish smoked venison dish, or goats cheese, wild mushroom and spinach tart).

However, guided by our attentive waitress, Sarah, my choice fell on extremely tasty South Coast peppered mackerel fillets counter-balanced by delicious shallot marmalade and crunchy toast (£5).

My companion opted for Loch Fyne ashet, a mixed trio of salmon, one of which, a chunky hot-smoked mini marvel, was voted "the best I have ever tasted" (£7).

The impressively varied list of main dishes ranged in price from £8 for a pair of Loch Fyne kippers, to chilled lobster served with home-made mayonnaise (half £15, whole £30).

The mouthwatering fillet of steamed Anglesey bass (from the only sea bass farm in Britain) with Loch Fyne scallops and braised fennel (£15) proved an absolute winner; as did the chef's special, a beautifully cooked fillet of bream on a deeply-flavoured green pea risotto (£15).

A glass of crisp Gros-Plant Du Pays Nantais, especially selected in France to complement Loch Fyne oysters, proved a perfect accompaniment to our own fish dishes.

Meals come with freshly-made crusty bread and there are optional side dishes of vegetables or 'proper' thick-cut chips (£4.50).

To finish, there is a selection of visually appealing desserts (£4.50) conjured up by the talented Welsh head chef Gareth Howard, of Ystradowen.

His exceptional panacotta dish with scoop of vanilla ice cream elicited murmurs of approval from across the table, while the generous portion of freshly made bread pudding, still warm from the oven, proved irresistible!

Judging from the buzz of conversation around the animated tables tended by the cheerful young staff, this born-again Vale sea food restaurant seems set fair for a culinary renaissance under Devon lass Emma, assistant managers, Lindsey Phillips, Hannah Freeman, and floor supervisor, Ali Attya.

Currently, Loch Fyne is offering a two-course set lunch for £10. It is also planning a weekly paella night to reflect the head chef's Mediterranean influences, while the Christmas lunch and dinner menu offers three courses for a modest £22.

The restaurant can be contacted on 01446 776070 for full details.

In conjunction with
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RUGS

IF a good selection of rugs to choose from, is what you're after, call in and see Mr Jones and Alison, at their showroom in Maesteg Market.

The extra large, real sheepskin rugs are luxurious and come in a rainbow of stylish colours. Everything from outdoor mats to woven runners, are in stock now.

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Telephone: 01656 733120.

At the very centre of town life throughout the ages

MAESTEG indoor market, situated beneath the Town Hall, in the very centre of Maesteg has played a central role in the town's history.

It was opened in the 1880s when Maesteg was a thriving mining town which was drawing in workers from all parts of Wales and beyond.

It was important that the town had its own market and also a first-class hall where public performances could be staged and the building, which was paid for by the miners, ticked all the boxes.

The market is also the heart of Maesteg's shopping centre – the one place where people socialise as well as shop, where news and views are exchanged and where customers and stall holders engage in lively discourse.

The market remains vibrant, despite difficult economic times with a healthy demand for stalls. Although it is a small market, it has a surprising variety of goods.

Stalls sell a variety of foodstuffs, including Welsh foods like cockles and laverbread; Carmarthen farm produce, including butter, bacon, cheese and cooked meats; and locally baked bread, cakes tarts and pasties.

A newsagent also offers toys and stationery and other stalls sell jewellery; pet supplies, old fashioned sweets, clothing and Christian books.

A sewing stall provides a valuable service to the community by carrying out repairs and alterations plus dry cleaning.

The bustling indoor market also has its own café where shoppers can enjoy a cuppa or a meal. This café has injected a lot of life into the market hall, giving people a focal point for meeting up with friends.

But there is another dimension to the market – its

lively outdoor section, which is a mix of stalls and self contained shop units.

Fresh meat and vegetables are on sale, as well as cards, computer repairs, jewellery repairs, ice cream and refreshments, flowers, baby clothes, jewellery rugs and plants. Further stalls come on Fridays selling a variety of other goods.

There is also an outdoor café and a hairdresser. All of this is to be found within a very compact area in the town centre. The bus station lies alongside and the town's free car park is only a short distance away, so the market is very accessible to all.

Markets were in many ways, the precursors of supermarkets, offering people choice and variety. But Maesteg's market offers those rare qualities of homeliness and intimacy which are lacking in so many impersonal and characterless modern supermarkets.

The market still has an important role to play, not only as a shopping venue, but also in the community life of what is still a very warm-hearted valley town.

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Market opening times: 8am-4pm Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday; 8am-1pm Wednesday; 8am-3pm Saturday.



Baby Bubbles has everything you need!

EVERYTHING you need for baby and toddler; specialising in special occasion dresses and outfits for girls and boys aged 0-2 years.

Justine is always on hand to find the perfect outfit for your christening or wedding needs.

Traditional rompers and frilly dresses are always in stock, together with the popular 'Cariad Bach' collection. Cosy-toes are available, too, and outfits by 'Pretty Originals'.

A range of cots, cribs and bedding are on display, as well as hand-crocheted items including shawls, cardies, hats and booties.

Don't miss the little fur stoles for girls! Moses baskets are also available.

Open 9am-4pm Monday-Friday (half day Wednesday). Closed Saturday, but open in Rheola Market, neath.

Telephone 07920 118636.

Daily News

ESTABLISHED for 40 years, Ryan Morgan is well known in Maesteg Market – and as well as offering all the things you'd expect from a newsagent's, he also carries a large range of toys.

Why not join his Christmas club and take advantage of paying for your gifts in easy installments?

Ryan's new range of toys includes something to suit all budgets and all age groups too. A warm, friendly welcome is always guaranteed at Daily News.

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Maesteg Animal Welfare Society needs your help

IN 1985, three people in Maesteg wanted to improve animal welfare and so Maesteg Animal Welfare Society (MAWS) was born.

MAWS is a small charity run entirely by volunteers, most funds are generated from our charity shop in 4 Church Street, Maesteg. Please come to see us if you

are in the area (opposite the bus station).

We rehomed many cats and dogs throughout the valleys, Bridgend and the Vale and we are desperate for new homes. Please contact 01656 721496 or 01656 653456 if you can offer a home.

Any donations, bric-a-brac or any unwanted items, please call our shop 01656 7389877 or 01656 721496.

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www.maesteganimalrescue.co.uk

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Carmarthenshire Dairy Produce

TRADING for 30 years, it's easy to see why Carmarthenshire Dairy Produce continues to prosper.

Wonderful professional service, combined with the highest-quality cooked meats and Collier cheeses, make it a favourite with shoppers, old and new.

A mouth watering selection of home-cooked pies are available, fresh every day, including lamb and mint, steak and kidney and their bestseller – corned beef pie.

Fresh free-range eggs are always available too. Why not join the Christmas club and order your cooked turkey crown now?

Stuffed cooked meat joints are also available, requiring no preparation, just the task of eating! Call in and see Mr Harris and you won't be disappointed.

Telephone: 07966 910480.

Visit Sweets and Treats

AFTER a successful first year, Ann Harris is looking forward to welcoming customers old and new; a tempting array of confectionery is available, including 120 different weigh-out sweets!

There is even a delicious sugar-free range in stock now. Sweets and Treats specialises in occasion chocolates too – Halloween, Christmas, birthdays, something to suit everyone's requirements.

Welsh Rocks and sweets by Brays are also stocked and are very popular, together with a mouth watering selection of Joe's Ice cream.

One visit and you'll be back for more!



Maesteg Computer Repair

RAY'S your man for computer sales and repairs. He'll even recycle your old one.

He is open 10am-5pm Monday-Friday (half-day Wednesday) and 10am-4pm Saturday.

Don't forget to call in for a fast friendly service with all your questions answered. Email queries, if you like, to: maestegcomputerrepair@hotmail.com

Recommended on Facebook! You'll find Maesteg Computer Repair at Unit 4, Maesteg Outdoor Market. Telephone: 01656 735291.

After 10 successful years in business, including three years at the market, you can be confident of a professional, helpful service.



Cwtchi Mamas

FOR three years, we have been trading as 'The Snatch', in Maesteg Indoor Market, selling good wholesome food, using organic and/or locally produced ingredients.

The addition of a seating area means that our business is changing to accommodate demand. We think this can only be a good thing for the market.

New business, new name! – CWTCHI MAMAS. In addition to a wide range of meals, snacks, cakes and deli items, we will also be displaying work for sale by local artists.

Internet access will be available for our customers' use. Good food will, as always, be prepared and cooked from scratch on the premises.

Open: 8am-4pm Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday and 8am-1pm Wednesday.

Buffets and parties catered for. Telephone: 01656 739471.

Y Siop Fach

THERE has always been a cockle counter at the front of Maesteg Market and Y Siop Fach is keeping the tradition going very successfully.

Specialising in Welsh products, a wonderful selection of delicious Penclawdd cockles, laverbread and other fish delicacies are delivered fresh every day.

Homemade Welsh jams and chutneys are always in stock and very popular, together with the Parson's Pickled range from Llanelli.

Even celebrity chef Jamie Oliver recommends Halen Mon Sea Salt, which can be purchased at Y Siop Fach!

Add to that a selection of good Welsh cheeses to choose from, and it's easy to understand why customers come from far and wide.

(Closed Mondays)



Joe's @ Jinky's Ice-cream Parlour

CALL in and order mouth-watering ice-cream sundaes created by Rebekah, as well as hot waffles, healthy smoothies, (worth two of your five-a-day), yoggies and milkshakes!

A new business to Maesteg Market, Joe's@Jinky's is a taste sensation. Indulge yourself and the kids with an affordable treat, not forgetting Halloween and a chance to eat some spooky, woody delights!

Owner Barrie Jenkins only sells Joe's Ice-cream direct from the makers!

Winter: Open 12pm-4.30pm Monday-Friday (half day Wednesday) and 10am-4.15pm Saturday.

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Local opticians eye cash target for guide dogs

SPECSAVERS in Maesteg is calling on local support for a nationwide effort to raise £250,000 to fund and train 25 new guide dog puppies – one for every year that the company has been in business.

The opticians, with a store on Talbot Street, is using Guide Dog Week, which runs until October 11, to launch its fundraising commitment to the charity Guide Dogs.

All 650 Specsavers stores around the country are involved as part of the chain's 25th anniversary.

Money raised will help Guide Dogs' ongoing commitment to providing services for blind and partially-sighted people in Maesteg.

Nick King, store director of Specsavers in Maesteg, said: "We're thrilled to be working with Guide Dogs this year and hope that through this partnership we not only help people who suffer from sight loss, but also educate young people and children about the importance of eye health."

Mr King continued: "Our staff are really enthusiastic about raising the profile of Guide Dogs and the support it offers children and young people with sight loss. We hope the local community gets behind this campaign to raise much needed funds."

Nick Hardy, Guide Dogs' head of regional fundraising said: "Many children with sight loss struggle to make friends and develop life skills."

"Guide Dogs is working to change this by developing services that give confidence and independence to blind and partially-sighted children and young people."

"We're delighted that Specsavers has chosen Guide Dogs as its new charity partner, and look forward to working with them over the coming year."

FARTHINGS JOINS CULINARY STABLE

FARTHINGS in Cowbridge will be joining a renowned stable of established eating places, now that the new owners have finalised the purchase.

As The GEM briefly reported last week, Choiceproduce Ltd has bought all three Farthings operations, the deli, restaurant and event catering.

The company already operates the well-known Woods Brasserie in Cardiff, The Old Swan in Llantwit Major, and The New Conway, in Pontcanna, Cardiff.

A spokeswoman for the company told The GEM: "Natalie Dobson, the previous owner, will remain as a consultant for up to a year, to ensure a smooth transition."

"Rudy Filiu will be joining as manager of Farthings, having previously managed the restaurant two years ago, and he will be supported by his head chef, Rachid Azouz."

Woods Brasserie, opened in 1999 and is now considered to be a well-established Cardiff restaurant, renowned for its excellent food and customer service.

The Old Swan Inn, in Llantwit Major, was purchased in March 2008 and the New Conway, Pontcanna, was opened in November 2008 and recently became the first Cardiff eatery to be in the Michelin Pub Guide.

Sean Murphy, director of Choiceproduce, said: "We are very excited about Farthings, and the direction in which the company is heading."

"Each of our establishments is unique, but all are venues with great food."

Ath under-7s fight hard against older opposition

BRIDGEND Athletic under-7s welcomed Aberavon Green Stars to Newbridge Fields.

With Aberavon only having 10 players, the young Ath side had to play against a mixed side of under-7s and under-8s.

The game started well for the Ath, attacking on many occasions, but Aberavon were strong in defence. Aberavon pressed, looked sharp in attack and got the first try of the game with some strong running. The second followed soon after.

Jordan Gittins took a flat pass and raced through the Aberavon defence to score a good try for the Ath. The young Ath side tried to press Aberavon into making mistakes, but two more tries followed in quick succession and, on the half time whistle, the Ath trailed four to one.

The second half was a story of attack and counter attack as both sides pushed for the win. The Ath came close on many occasions, only to be stopped by the Aberavon defence, and the same went for Aberavon, who were stopped on numerous occasions by the Aths defence.

Aberavon proved to be that little bit stronger as the game came to a close and scored two more tries from dropped balls by the Ath as they tried to score themselves.

Both teams played some excellent rugby and really enjoyed the game.

Result: Athletic 1, Aberavon Green Stars 6. Player-of-the-match went to Fynn Mordecai for a good all-round game.

The squad: Oliver Gibbs, Connor Lees, Ryley Howells, Ellis Penman, Euan Rees, Fynn Mordecai, Iwan Pippin, Jordan Gittins, Lloyd Anthony, Lloyd Bennett, Callum Taylor, Daniel Elias and Thomas Lewis.

Under-8s reply

AFTER watching the under-7s it was a chance for the under-8s to step up and prove themselves.

The game started at an incredible pace with both sides playing some really good rugby. The Ath got on the score sheet first with a strong run by Archie Burnett to squeeze over in the corner.

Aberavon came straight back to score and nearly scored a few more times, but for the strong Ath defence. Deep into the first half, with both sides pressing, Aberavon put themselves in front with a try from deep in their own half.

Oliver Raynor was replaced by Dewi Harding after injuring himself and, on the last play of the half, after a couple of good passes, Dewi raced down field to even the game and also score his 50th try for the club.

The second half saw the Ath make four changes to their side and it proved to be a good move. Aberavon were overpowered with strong defence and great attacking play.

Dewi Harding got his second, followed by Morgan Bennett and Jack Pitts, who both got on the score sheet. Aberavon pushed every time they had the ball but could not get past the Ath defence and, from a turnover, Mason Edwards raced down the line to score a good solo try.

With time nearly up, the Ath had the final say in the game and Mason Hughes scored to seal another good win for the Ath.

Result: Athletic 7, Aberavon Green Stars 2. Player of the match went to Archie Burnett who had a solid game in attack and defence.

The squad: Archie Burnett, Bobby Bromley, Dafydd Hitchings, Daniel Leyshon, Dewi Harding, Emyr Anthony, Isaac Watkins, Iwan Hill, Jack Pitts, Mason Edwards, Mason Hughes, Morgan Bennett, Oliver Raynor and Sam Ralph.

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KENFIG HILL SENIOR AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

MULES PULL CLEAR OF CWMAVON

KENFIG HILL FIRSTS v CWMAVON

KENFIG HILL played against a strong wind in the first half and for the first quarter of an hour, the game was fairly evenly balanced.

Then with Kenfig Hill pressing close to the Cwmavon line, livewire scrum half Tom Briggs picked up the ball and ghosted through the opposing defence to touch down.

Hard-working blindside flanker Matthew Bater scored from another scrum close to the Cwmavon line, this try was converted by outside half Gareth Lewis.

Cwmavon replied with a penalty by Gareth John., Lewis adding a penalty for the Mules. Gareth Lloyd then battered his way over the Kenfig Hill line after a sustained forward move by Cwmavon, with Steve Browning adding the conversion.

This gave a half time score of: **Kenfig Hill 15, Cwmavon 10.**

A forcible exchange of views between Jon Thomas of the Mules and one of the opposition led to both being yellow carded. Almost immediately the Kenfig Hill outside half was red carded.

However, instead of trying to defend, the Mules went on the attack and an interception by captain and centre Rhodri Clark saw him running from his own 25 to score under the posts. He converted his own try.

Kenfig Hill could have added to the score almost immediately when they were stopped inches from the line, but a scrum five turned into a penalty to Cwmavon after injudicious use of the vocal chords.

Cwmavon then had a player sent off after receiving two yellow cards.

Rhodri Clark scored his second try of the afternoon when he steamrollered his way through the opposing defence to go in near the posts.

Winger Owen Attwood completed the scoring for Kenfig when he intercepted a pass in his own half and scored under the posts, Clark converting.

This gave a final score of: Kenfig Hill 34, Cwmavon 10.

For Kenfig Hill second row man Jon Thomas gave a man of the match performance, with Rhodri Clark, Steve Gillard and Scott Waller playing well, and there was a good performance from the front row of Gavin Refell, Lee Williams and Lloyd Williams.

KENFIG HILL SECONDS v HEOL-Y-CYW

KENFIG HILL started the game by engaging in a forward battle with Heol-y-Cyw, making for a fairly even game, but when they started playing rugby and bringing the backs into play they

took over the game, running out winners by 19-7.

Kenfig Hill scored three tries, with brothers and wingers Ian and Dai Williams scoring a try apiece, and centre Rhys Stanton adding another. Jamie Meers slotted over two conversions. For Kenfig Hill, Lloyd Smith, Chris Phillips and the two Williams brothers had outstanding games.

KENFIG HILL and CORNELLY YOUTH v BRYNAMMAN

KENFIG HILL/Cornelly Youth controlled this game throughout, winning 22:0. Outstanding winger Deeke Morse crossed for two tries, hooker Ashley Hickey scored, as did back row forward Gareth Harvey.

For the Youth, Harvey was outstanding, with Callum Matthews having a superb game.

UNDER-7s v BRITON FERRY

A SUPERB under-7s team performance, especially the defence of Dafydd Jones, Mark Underhill, Joshua Jones, Ewan Davis and George Buckley, saw the opposition beaten seven tries to one.

Captain Jack Davies' three strong-running tries were accompanied by a brace from Oliver Pinches and one from Alex Underhill.

Ewan Orchard's first-ever try was a beauty, collecting a dropped ball before stepping through and outrunning a horde of chasing defenders.

Conor Jenkins played his best game, taking and giving scoring passes on two occasions. Debutant Rhys Watkinson also passed well.

UNDER-8s v BRITON FERRY

SCORE-KEEPER Phil Davies was having trouble keeping up as the under-8s racked up eight tries. Their draw was impressive, having recovered from a six-three deficit.

Kieran Tantom's pace rewarded him with four tries. Excellent first-ever tries for Tom Watkins and Dylan Pearson even put smiles on their dads' faces! Rhys Perry was again in the right place to power over.

The final play saw Harry Cooper being taken-out by three defenders but still scoring in the corner to earn a deserved draw. Working especially hard all game was Connor Hill, supported by Connor John, Cameron Trehar and Calvin Gorringer. Continuing to improve in their first season are Liam Evans, Luke Tozer and Oliver Roberts.

UNDER-9s v BRITON FERRY

THIS was the toughest game the young Mules have played this season.

The Briton Ferry team were big and powerful and during the first half the Ferry steam-rolled the Mules with five tries to one. The one coming from Nico Evans.

The Mules stuck at it and some great tackling from Nico Evans and in particular Connor Farnham who, for the second week running, showed the rest of the boys that a good attitude will always prevail.

Kenfig then made wholesale changes due to the amount of players they have and came right back into the game with two tries from powerhouse Farnham and a wonderful individual effort from captain Connor Brace.

The boys stuck to their task and some other players, namely Jack Underhill, Connor Brace, Nico Evans, Connor Farnham, Dante Phillips, Louie Flower, Sion Jones and Connor Morgan stood out during a difficult game for Kenfig Hill.

Final score: Kenfig Hill 4, Briton Ferry 6.

Tries: Connor Farnham (two), Nico Evans and Connor Brace.

KENFIG HILL UNDER-9s v TAIBACH

YET another Sunny Sunday morning and yet another good turnout for Kenfig Hill under-9s.

A total of 15 players turned up again and they did not let anyone down with their brand of running, attacking rugby and organised defence.

This was the second week in succession the Mules played Taibach and, after winning with a last-minute try last week, they were determined not to have a nail biting finish this week.

Both sides had opportunities to open the scoring. The tackling was hard and the running ferocious and it was hard to determine who was going to take the early spoils.

Then, Connor Farnham, turned over the ball, swept it out to Connor Brace, who outpaced the defence. It was all went Kenfig from then on, and a charging run from Phil Burnell resulted in him getting the second try of the game for the young Mules.

Half time came and went, and Kenfig Hill started where they left off, with an interception try from Jack Underhill putting the Mules 3-nil up.

Excellent defence from Connor Farnham again made Taibach spill the ball and Nico Evans broke away to score for Kenfig.

Connor Farnham then went on one of his galloping runs to score Kenfig Hills fifth try and a lovely individual effort from Leon Jones made the final score **Kenfig Hill 6, Taibach 0.**

UNDER-9s v TONMAWR

TONMAWR brought a big side and the early encounters suggested that they might out muscle the smaller Mules team, but the young Kenfig were like a dog with a bone, and some brilliant defence from Connor Farnham resulted in a turnover and he went sprinting away to score the opener.

The ball came out to Connor Brace moments later and he side-stepped his way through the cover

defence to score. More tries from Brace during the first half gave Kenfig a 4-nil lead going into the second half.

Even during the second half, with the Mules having made a few changes, the confidence in attack and particularly in defence was very high, and Leon Jones opened the scoring, out-pacing the Tonmawr cover. Two well-worked tries from Nico Evans gave the mules a 7-nil victory.

The Mules coaching team of Matthew Brace, Owen Pengilly and Martin Burnell were proud of the team and there were some very good displays from Jack Underhill, Connor Brace and Dante Phillips, Corry Bower and Leon Jones but the outstanding performance during both games came from Connor Farnham.

His tackling was ferocious, his passing was accurate and his running was fast and direct (following in the footsteps of his brothers, Chris and Matthew) and his overall contribution was fantastic.

UNDER-8s v TAIBACH

KENFIG HILL under-8s took 21 youngsters to Taibach, keen to impress their increasingly learned band of supporters.

The under-8s, captained by Oliver Roberts, ran out five-three winners against a spirited Taibach.

Tries by Harry Cooper and Jack Rundle meant an evenly-matched first half. A strong second half saw Kenfig Hill break clear with tries from speedster Kieran Tantom, a second for the impressive Jack Rundle, as well as the customary one for powerhouse Rhys Perry.

Calvin Gorringer delivered an excellent pass that put Rhys Perry in the corner.

Debutant Liam Evans was great in both defence and attack. Luke Tozer, Cameron Trehar and Connor John worked exceptionally hard during an excellent team performance.

UNDER-7s

EXPERTLY marshalled by captain Joshua Jones, it was aggressive defence that provided a resounding five-nil victory for the under-7s.

Conor Jenkins, Ewan Davis, Ewan Orchard, George Buckley and Alex Underhill were awesome, hounding the ball carrier and preventing any breach of the defensive line.

Callum Hill played with enthusiasm on his first outing, even thrilled by his first experience of being tagged!

Try scorers, with wave after wave of support running, were the impressive Dafydd Jones, sprinter Oliver Pinches, side-stepping Mark Underhill and powerful Jack Davies.

Pencoed RFC under-11s show strength in depth

PENCOED under-11s travelled to sunny Newbridge Fields to play local rivals Bridgend Sports with a squad of 17 players.

This was an opportunity for the coaches to look at several different combinations in the pack and the back line against strong opposition.

The game started at a frantic pace. Both teams were probing for openings and with each set of forwards tearing into each other, something had to give.

It was Pencoed who opened the scoring after a strong forward drive with Corey Williams and Dewi Cassely in the vanguard, handing over for Carey Davies to crash over.

The forwards were now starting to supply the speedy Pencoed backs with a steady supply of quality ball. Club captain Zachary Taylor and Lewis Miller drove into the heart of the Sports defence.

Pencoed then secured quick ball and a lovely outside break by Brandon Thrasher allowed Joshua Raikes to sprint in at the corner.

The Sports then replied with a fine try of their own. Pencoed responded with a try from the impressive Callum Palmer after great work by Max Brennan and Morgan Allen. Just before half

time, Joshua Raikes completed his brace with a carbon copy of his first. The first half ended 24-7 to Pencoed.

Pencoed changed the complete back line at half-time, with Rhys Ward and Iwan Krieger the changes in the pack, and started where they left off.

Garwyn Williams scored an excellent individual try, followed quickly by one equally as impressive from Joshua Goode.

Scrum half Daniel Jakeway using great vision, put in a neat pass to Lewis Miller who crashed over for a typical flanker's try.

Pencoed were in complete control now and this led to a try after a great charge by Rhys Ward for Iwan Krieger. The final try went to the ever-present Tommy Refell after good approach work from Calum Blackman. With Morgan Allen kicking two conversions and Daniel Jakeway four, the final score was Bridgend Sport 7, Pencoed 57.

Everyone at Pencoed would like to congratulate Zach Taylor, Max Brennan, Tommy Refell, Carey Davies, Morgan Allen, Cameron Fyvie-Davies, Daniel Jakeway and Joshua Raikes for making the Bridgend district squad for the coming season. Also Calum Blackman for making The Vale district squad.

LT

Tondu beaten by in-form Porthcawl

ON another dry and sunny autumn Sunday, Tondu under-10s played host to Porthcawl.

Porthcawl won the toss and made progress into the Tondu half, but the attack was snuffed out.

This state of play continued with Tondu defending each Porthcawl attack, but unable to launch too many of their own.

Porthcawl were good at the breakdown and were able to steal ball from the tackle before the ruck could be formed.

They eventually turned their pressure into points and scored the first try, with a conversion adding the extra points. Tondu continued to try and exert pressure on Porthcawl but were unable to get on the score sheet.

Porthcawl, however, were able add two more tries to their score by the close of the half, one of which was converted.

Half time: Tondu 0, Porthcawl 19

The second half saw changes made to both sides. Porthcawl kicked off and Tondu ran the ball back at them but, as in the

first half, Porthcawl made the most of their speed to the breakdown and turned over the ball. This half was more closely contested but Tondu were still unable to open their account.

Porthcawl scored two more tries, both unconverted. With the game drawing to a close, Tondu had the final say as Jordan Morgan was able to rip a ball from the Porthcawl machine and show a clean pair of heels to sprint down the right touch line to score. Morgan David stepped forward to take the conversion unsuccessfully as others declined.

Full time: Tondu 5, Porthcawl 29.

Not such a good result as last week, but against a stronger team the Tondu youngsters showed glimpses of their skill and their determination to keep playing was very apparent.

Tondu squad: Ben Merchant, Jack Llewellyn, Declan Pugh, Iwan Knight, Ryan Kershaw, Jordan Morgan, Josh Davies, Morgan-Owen Evans, Joe Duffill, Bradley Richards, Eleri Knight, Morgan David, Callum Booton and Megan Flaherty.

JK

Under-9s tackle old adversaries

ON Sunday, Bridgend Athletic under-9s' original fixture was cancelled, so the club joined Bridgend Sports and Pencoed.

The Yellows were up first and took on the Sports team, and it was the Sports who broke through first to score.

The Ath responded with a try of their own from Dafydd Beach.

Then the Sports touched down with two more tries through their biggest player and he was doing most of the damage. Then the Ath got their second try, through a good run from Megan Webb.

The Sports managed to squeeze in one more before half time.

The half time score was 4-2

The second half saw the Ath make two changes and they crossed the line twice, with fine darting runs from Sam Veasey and Connor Fabian, bringing the score level at 4-4. The Yellows were really enjoying themselves and, with the game coming to an end, the Ath youngsters lifted their game.

The Ath turned the ball over and went through a couple of phases before Thomas Anthony broke away and raced to the line and touched down for the winning try.

Player-of-the-match went to birthday boy, Morgan Evans, for his outstanding defence work. **Final score: Bridgend Sports 4, Bridgend Athletic 5.**

Squad: Morgan Evans, Ffion Rebill, Louis King, Megan Webb, James Hermolle, William Goodall, Sam Veasey, Cai Robinson, Dffydd Beech, Christopher Hart. Replacements: Josh

Tidy, Daniel O'Sullivan, Thomas Anthony and Connor Fabian.

THE second game saw the Ath Greens take on Pencoed. This was going to be tough match.

Even though a few of the players are friends off the pitch, when they cross the white wash, it is a different story and this game was all set to be no different to past encounters.

The Ath kicked off and straight from the start, you could tell Pencoed were all fired up, putting together some good passages of play. The Ath were attacking as well, but Pencoed's defence stood strong.

The Ath defence did break on three occasions in the first half, allowing Pencoed to notch up three tries.

In the second half, Pencoed were hitting the Ath's defence in wave after wave. Even though Pencoed did manage to cross the line once in this half, the Ath players were getting stronger and they came close to Pencoed's line on a number of occasions. All credit must go to both sides for providing the spectators with such an entertaining game.

Player-of-the-match went to Jade Thomas for an outstanding forward performance.

Final score: Pencoed 4, Bridgend Athletic 0.

Squad: Gwilym John, Jack Obbard, Teo Fillis, Daniel O'Sullivan, Jade Thomas, Connor Fabian, Kasari Mehta, Thomas Anthony, Charles Creffield, Jamie Marshall. Replacement: Josh Tidy.

PO

Out and About with The GEM

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

Rhose art
THE Rhose art group will be holding their annual exhibition and sale of paintings on Saturday, October 10, from 11am-5pm, at the Community Hall, Stuart Road, Rhose.

On show will be all levels of work, from beginners to intermediate level.

Everyone welcome. Activity corner for children, with paints.

CAOS concert
THE Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society present their autumn concert, *Show Boat* (concert version) and *Gilbert & Sullivan at Sea*, on October 10, at Cowbridge Town Hall and on October 17, at Pontyclun Institute Athletic Club, Pontyclun at 7.30pm.

Tickets £7 available from the box office (0845 4592605) or can be purchased from Davies Newsagents, Cowbridge; Chris Williams Opticians, Llantwit Major; or at the door.

Jumble sale
THERE will be a jumble sale on Saturday, October 10, at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry, at 10.30am (refreshments available).

Spiritual church holds talks

BARRY Spiritual Church and Centre at Buttrills Road is hold-

ing a demonstration of mediumship with Glennys Hannon on Sunday, October 12 at 7pm.

Fibromyalgia group

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Group is to be held at the Barry Public Library, King Square, on Monday, October 12 from 11.30am-1pm.

All who suffer from Fibromyalgia or want to learn more about the condition, are welcome.

Volunteers sought
VALE Volunteer Bureau's outreach officer, Joe Newbury, will be available to give advice and information about volunteering in the Vale on the following dates:

October 13, Llantwit Major Library, 11am-1pm; October 17, Cowbridge Leisure Centre, 12.30pm-2.30pm; October 20, Penarth Library, 11am-1pm; October 28, Cowbridge Leisure Centre, 11am-1pm; October 31, Llantwit Major Library, 11am-1pm.

Evening of clairvoyance
CADOXTON Christian Spiritualist Church, Kenilworth Road, Barry, is holding a 'Special Evening of Clairvoyance' with Trish Rees on October

16. Doors open at 6.30pm and the service starts at 7pm. Donations at the door in aid of church restoration. All are welcome.

arc coffee
THE Vale branch of the Arthritis Research Campaign (arc) is holding its annual coffee morning on Saturday, October 17, in St Helen's Church Hall, Barry, between 10am-12pm, in aid of the millions of people that suffer with this debilitating condition.

Stalls include prize-a-time, cakes, cards, Christmas cards, arc goods and raffle. Tickets £1.

Contact Fred Johnson, the regional fundraising manager, on 01446 722957, 07756 157799, or by email: f.johnson@arc.org.uk.

Lib Dems meet
THE Vale Liberal Democrats will be holding their annual general meeting at Barry Town Football Club, at 7.30pm, on Tuesday, November 3, in readiness for the general election. All potential and registered members are cordially invited to attend.

Flower show
BARRY and District Chrysanthemum Society's annual show will be on November 11, 1.30pm-5pm, at Salem Baptist Church Hall, Beryl Road, Barry.

Entrants should contact K Williams, 27 Regent Street, Barry, or telephone 01446 741733 or 029 2054 4119.

New Osteoporosis group is formed at Barry

THE National Osteoporosis Society has established its latest Welsh support group in Barry to offer support and information to people living in the area.

The next meeting, is at 7pm today (Thursday, October 8) at Barry's Highlight Park Community Centre.

It will give people in the area affected by osteoporosis, the opportunity to meet others in similar positions.

There will be a wide range of free information available.

To find out more, contact Gwyneth Thomas, country support officer for Wales, on 029 2089 2140.

Fairtrade evening

ON October 16 at Trinity Church, Porthcawl, there will be an evening devoted to Fairtrade.

Zimbabwean Martha Musonza, a Fairtrade producer from Africa who lives in Wales, will be speaking about her work with Love Zimbabwe, an ethical trading company. Martha is also the schools coordinator for Fairtrade Wales.

Admission free.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 585.

● £2000: 842200. ● £500: 818680 ● £100: 866940. ● £50: 415093. ● £10: 515100, 700805, 359492, 710188, 273444, 571479, 126590, 128006, 418523, 748213, 643488, 734582, 440427, 423693, 756814, 809825, 409777, 233093, 307861, 711100. ● £5: 748132, 748535, 724580, 885706, 663868, 421030, 684802, 364327, 454289, 560020, 131381, 468371, 715843, 109007, 197058, 224517, 597995, 390038, 419679, 340614, 278204, 120591, 711220, 307442, 168966, 383721, 395005, 805872, 607822, 448653.

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For lottery information, please telephone 02920 672062.

Express yourself in Penarth

LOCAL artists are being urged to enter a competition to be run jointly by the Washington Gallery and Penarth Library.

The 'Express Yourself' Welsh libraries arts competition is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government. It has the theme of 'Libraries' and invites individuals, schools and further education groups to be involved.

Entries can be presented as visual art, short film or creative writing. From a 'long-list' a judging panel will select 18 finalists, with winners announced at the Senedd in Cardiff on Monday, February 22. Entries will be accepted until December 1. Forms are available at both Penarth Library and the Washington.

Penarth librarian, Marcus Payne, said the competition was a great opportunity for anyone to create a work of art or writing or film that can inspire people to visit the library.

The Washington Gallery's director, Maggie Knight, said she was delighted to be able to work with Penarth Library and hoped that, as a result of the competition, entries could later be exhibited in the gallery.

GEM Firefighter stamp winners

THE winners of our recent stamp competition were:

Owen Howell, North Cornelly; S Jones, St Mary Hill; Anne King, Pencoed; Neil Taylor, Cefn Cribwr; Anne Baxter, St Athan; Brian Fisher, Dinas Powys; Edna Ann James, Ogmore Vale; Elaine Jones, Cowbridge; D Wilson, Llantwit Major; Lisa Wells, Barry; Saffron Frowen, Tondur; J James, Boverton; Doris Allen, Cowbridge; Mr W Haynes, Barry; Faith Perry, Cogan; Shan Llewellyn, Coychurch; Joanne Hurst, Ely; M Thomas, Barry; Mr P Dalton, Tondur; Mildred Trigg Knight, Bridgend.

Congratulations to you all.

Male choir in need of singers

VALE Male Voice Choir is searching for choristers.

The choir, which is now into its fourth year, while performing some traditional male voice choral pieces also performs songs to guitar and banjo, which appeals to a much wider audience.

The repertoire also includes songs from musicals and films, as well as pop and folk songs.

The emphasis is on the enjoyment of singing and music and we would welcome any new members. No musical knowledge is required as all that is needed is real enthusiasm and commitment.

Don't worry if you don't have the best singing voice. We know there are a lot of men who love to sing for enjoyment but can become quite disheartened if they have been 'rejected' by other choirs.

The aim of the Vale Male Voice Choir is to bring them together and develop their talents.

The choir has performed concerts in a number of venues, for disabled people, pensioners, sheltered housing schemes and also helped to raise over £2,000 for Breast Cancer earlier this year.

We welcome men of any age to our rehearsals at St David's Methodist Church, Colcot Road, Barry on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 10.00pm.

Anyone interested in finding out more should contact the secretary, Mr Cliff Ward on 02920 568151 or Mr Vic Finn on 01446 405656.

PETER ROBERTSON

VALE PACT MEETINGS

LLANDOUGH PACT, Memorial Hall, October 7, 7pm.
PLYMOUTH PACT, Paget Rooms, October 7, 7pm.
PETERSTON SUPER ELY PACT, Pendoylan School, October 8, 7.45pm.
GIBBONS DOWN PACT, Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, Barry, October 10, 2.15pm.
ST HILARY coffee and chat meeting, October 13, Village Hall, St Hilary, 11am.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT, Windsor public house, October 21, 7pm.
CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre, October 22, 7pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing or log onto www.ourbobby.com

Win! Jethro Tickets and DVD

Jethro

Saturday 24 October, 7.30pm
Tickets: £18.00



Pure cheek the Cornish way with Comedy Legend Jethro.

With his own very unique style of delivery, Jethro has got to be one of the cheekiest comedians around, and continues to sell out yet another tour with his mischievous repertoire of adult material. You never know what tales Jethro will come out with, but one thing is for sure, the best ones will involve his renowned friends Denzel Penberthy, Slipalong Trevasakis and Bill Pedureare.

With DVD releases like 'Live In Cuckoo Land' selling just under a quarter of a million copies in its first 2 months of release, it is no surprise that this Cheeky Cornishman performs to packed houses at UK theatres every year.

Jethro has long established himself in the entertainment business as one of the busiest and most popular comedians this country has ever known, even though there are still many people around the country who have never seen or heard of him before. Have you ever seen him seen him before? If not, isn't it about time that you experienced him for yourself. Join us at the Memorial Hall and Theatre on Saturday 24th October for a night of belly-aching laughter.

To win a pair of tickets and a DVD for Jethro, just answer this question:

Q: Complete the DVD title "Live In Land"

Answer
Name
Address
Post Code Tel Number
Email Address

Competition Rules:

1. Closing date for entries: 16th October, 2009.
2. Winners will be randomly selected and informed on 16th October, 2009.
3. Competition prize is a pair of tickets for Jethro and DVD.
4. Employees of BTC of MH&T are not eligible to take part in this competition.

Send your answers to: Jethro Competition, Memorial Hall and Theatre, Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA or email us at boxoffice@barrymemo.co.uk with your answer

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Sunday October 11, 2009
The Kymin, Beach Road, Penarth

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Local rugby derby is fiercely fought

WITH Porthcawl's Elvis festival in full swing the under-11s were determined to create their own 'Heartbreak Hotel' for local rivals Bridgend Athletic, who they welcomed to their South Road headquarters.

After sharing the spoils in the previous season's encounters, this was clearly not going to be a game for the faint-hearted. The opening exchanges saw both sets of forwards tearing into each other.

Porthcawl props Leon Evans and Rhys Copley continually broke the gain line only to be met by some excellent Athletic defence.

After a period of sustained pressure, Porthcawl deservedly broke the deadlock. A sweeping move from their own half saw centres Brad Griffiths and Rhys Thomas scythe through their opposite numbers only to be pulled down 10-metres from the line.

From the ensuing ruck, the barnstorming Will Lampard crashed over in the corner.

As is often the case, after taking the lead, Porthcawl seemed to relax,

allowing the Athletic pack to dictate play. Only fine cover tackling by Jack Richards, Brad Griffiths and Kyle Harrington kept the visitors out.

On the stroke of half time, Porthcawl's defence finally cracked as a fine Athletic drive and mass pile up on the Porthcawl line saw a hotly-disputed try awarded.

Stunned to find themselves only on level terms, the Porthcawl team started the second half with a far sharper edge to their game. Almost from the kick off centre Rhys Thomas pounced on a loose pass to run in unopposed.

Determined not to let the game slip out of their hands for a second time, Porthcawl now took control, maintaining possession for long periods.

Several strikes against the head by Will Lampard and vital line out steals by Leon Evans and Ben Asprea allowed outside half Thomas Coghill to control possession and keep his pack going forward. A superb solo try by Joe Williams finally put paid to a spirited Athletic side. Man-of-the-match went to Ben Asprea for a superb all round performance.

Final score: Porthcawl 12, Bridgend Athletic 7.

AC

The Celtic Crusaders under-18s edge a 'bruising' encounter

AFTER high-scoring wins in their first two games, Crusaders under-18s were given a sterner test in a bruising encounter by a determined Wigan-based Ince Rose Bridge.

In his first ever game at under-18 level, winger Josh Ramsey shone for the home side, scoring two important early tries, on six and 12 minutes, plus making a number of crucial tackles at the other end of the park.

Prop Chris Davies also showed his quality and potential, creating Ramsey's second with a fine lob and also being held up over the line just before the interval.

The first try was converted by Dale Evans.

Ince got back into the game on 22 minutes through a try by Bradley Dwyer, created by the excellent Michael Houghton to put the score

**CELTIC CRUSADERS 16
INCE ROSE BRIDGE 8**

back to 10-4 at half-time.

Crusaders were first on the board in the second half, just five minutes in, from a Efan Ellis try converted by Lewis Rees.

Following that, Ince attempted a fightback but their attempts were mainly thwarted by a strong Crusaders defence.

They forced two goal-line dropouts, the second of which they scored from, Danny Robins going over in the corner following a fine passing move.

Crusaders' Sean Webber had a try disallowed after being pulled into touch while grounded, but it mattered not as the Welsh held on to win 16-8.

IAN GOLDEN reports from Maesteg RFC

Good win for Pencoed RFC under-12s

PENCOED under-12s welcomed Bridgend Sports at the weekend, and put in another fine performance to record a comfortable victory.

Pencoed's forwards gained control early on and were able to provide the backs with plenty of ball for them to run in three first-half tries through Dylan Barrett, Rhys Butler and Connor Goldsworthy. Luke Bevan and Connor Goldsworthy added two conversions to give the hosts a 19-0 half time lead.

After a slow start to the second half, Pencoed eventually extended their lead through the forwards with Morgan Burgess crashing over for a well deserved try.

Rhys Butler then outpaced the Sports defence to grab his second try, before the visitors caught Pencoed napping down the blindside for their first of the game.

Cian Griffiths was next on the scoresheet for the hosts with another well-worked forwards' drive over the line and Rhys Butler left the best for last with a lovely individual score. Luke Bevan converted one try to give Pencoed a 41-5 victory.

All of the day's 22-strong squad played a key part in the win, with Rhys Butler taking the man of the match award, displaying 100 per cent commitment in both defence and attack.

Pencoed squad: Callum Baker, Dylan Barrett, Luke Bevan, Morgan Burgess, Rhys Butler, Chris Carr, Joe Daniel, Connor Goldsworthy, Cian Griffiths, Cai Hughes, Leon James, Owen Lake, Rhodri Lewis, Morgan Llewellyn, Jacob Lloyd, Tyler Maidment, Tomos Morgan, Kieran Parrish, Jack Pope, Sam Rowland-Jones, James Thomas and Dan Watkins.

SB

Porthcawl RFC under-10s keep unbeaten record

PORTHCAWL continued their unbeaten run, with a win against a well-drilled Tandu team.

The Tandu forwards competed well but Porthcawl had too much class in the backs for the result ever to be in doubt.

Tries from Ben Roach (converted by Brandon Cooper), Dan Williams, Max Budding (converted by Brandon Cooper), Zakk Furness-Jones and Louis Protheroe and two from Tandu made the final score Tandu 5, Porthcawl 29.

Man-of-the-match was Max Budding.

The Porthcawl squad: Ethan Waters, Connor Grant, Cameron Williams, Callum Morgan, Matthew Roberts, Kurtis Pridmore, Ben Davies, Joe Beale, Harry Beale and Sam Edwards.

Porthcawl under-10s next match is home to Kenfig Hill on October 11.

IB

TONDU AND MINI JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

HONOURS EVEN FOR UNDER-13S

PORTHCAWL under-13s played Tandu and scored first from quick recycled possession as their flanker was allowed space to run in from 50 metres.

The try was converted.

Porthcawl further extended their lead from a series of forward drives and back moves within Tandu's 22. Tandu finally ran out of defenders for the Porthcawl winger to cross unopposed in the corner.

Tandu galvanised their efforts and spent the majority of the second half in Porthcawl territory. Sam Jarvis scored under the posts following a defensive lapse by Porthcawl. The try was converted by Rhidian Jenkins.

Porthcawl responded with another try after a clever kick down the right wing was fielded by the Porthcawl winger and distributed inside for the centre to score.

Tandu then responded with a try by Lewis Austin who stretched impressively for the touchdown.

They were soon back on the attack now, searching for the win. Ben Jones kicked the ball into space down the undefended wing. He managed to gather the ball and beat the last defender to grab a last gasp draw.

Final score: Porthcawl 17, Tandu 17.

EJ

Under-9s in try-fest

THE sun shone as Tandu under-9s welcomed Porthcawl to Pandy Park.

Porthcawl soon found themselves up against a very determined Tandu, and good pressure from Patrick Riley at a maul allowed quick ball to send Callum Vause crashing over.

Almost immediately, Tandu struck again through Nathan Harris after good passing from Ieuan Wallis. Porthcawl conceded another try as Lewis Oates nipped in to make it three-nil.

Tandu were rampant and scored three more quick tries - Morgan Williams making space for Morgan Strong to touch down from close in, slick passing putting Jacob Thomas over in the corner and Luke Dingle showing some zip to finish the scoring for the first half.

Tandu made seven changes in the second half and were soon back on the attack. Finley Duffill and Lewis Dyke worked hard to allow Ellis Mathews to resume the Tandu scoring with a neat run.

Luke Dingle was on hand to notch up try number eight after good sup-

port from Ciaran Edwards and a length-of-the-field rolling maul saw Daniel Mayne add a ninth after good driving from Luke Brett and Lucas King.

Porthcawl did not give up and soon had a try of their own after a great sprint caught the Tandu defence napping.

However, Lewis Oates was on hand again to make it 10 tries for Tandu after Cameron Keegans sucked in the Porthcawl defence with a great run.

Nathan Harris rounded off the scoring with his second and Tandu's 11th just before full time.

Another committed performance from the Tandu youngsters who are continuing to improve with each game - well done boys!

Squad: Lewis Oates, Ciaran Edwards, Callum Vause, Luke Brett, Daniel Mayne, Patrick Riley, Jacob Thomas, Luke Dingle, Ellis Mathews, Nathan Harris, Cameron Keegans, Lucas King, Morgan Strong, Lewis Dyke, Finley Duffill, Morgan Williams, Ieuan Wallis

DM

Hard work for under-8s

PORTHCAWL under-8s visited Pandy Park for two separate matches. Due to the progression of several players to the under-9 squad, Tandu fielded two very young teams.

Match 1: Tandu, captained by Ethan Dernick, attacked from the start, but lost possession with Porthcawl running in for the first try.

Tandu were unlucky a number of times with missed tags, and found themselves 5-nil down at half time.

The beginning of the second half started with Tandu having some good attacks through Ellis Rees and William Watkins and some good tagging by Sam Tatchell.

Three breakaway tries by Porthcawl were scored, mainly due to lost possession.

Despite the scoreline against an older opposition, Tandu didn't give up, and their determina-

tion, egged on by a supportive crowd, saw them score a consolation try by Ellis Rees after some good team passing.

Match 2: Tandu, captained by Jack Weeks, started in a strong attacking position, with several attacks going well into the Porthcawl half.

Only some good tagging from Porthcawl prevented them from scoring. Tandu eventually broke the deadlock with good team passing, allowing Sam Tatchell to run through several defenders and score.

Porthcawl came back with a good try to even the score.

Tandu responded with a daring run by Toby Dowle and some excellent passing from Kieran Chalmers and Owen Davies putting Sam Tatchell through for another try. **Half time: Tandu 2, Porthcawl 1.**

The second half saw several changes to the Porthcawl line-up and attacks were made from both sides. With the sup-

port of his team, Ryan Neagle almost got over for Tandu in the corner, but was tagged just short of the line.

Porthcawl picked up a loose ball and raced away to score. Porthcawl scored again not long after the restart to take the lead for the first time with only seconds to go.

From the restart, Tandu immediately went on the attack with some good team passing seeing Coel Gifford linking with Sam Tatchell to go over for his hat-trick try before the final whistle blew.

Full time score: Tandu 3, Porthcawl 3. Star-of-the-match was Sam Tatchell.

The squad: Cory Ryall, Ethan Dernick, William Watkins, Ellis Rees, Ryan Neagle, Coel Gifford, Toby Dowle, Sam Tatchell, Jack Weeks, Tyler, Gethin Page, Kieran Chalmers, Iestyn McCann, Lloyd Pitt, Owen Davies.

SC

Bridgend Leisure Leagues round-up

COWBRIDGE Cougars needed a fine Jack Gavin performance to see them beat Racing Inter 4-1, in perhaps the pick of the games in the Bridgend 6-a-side football league premier division.

In division one, Paul Richards shivered the timbers of Pen y Bont Pirates, as his side - The Bluebirds - ran out 6-3 victors.

Finally, Jack Graham was very much the Jack of Hearts for Day Sleepers, but they had to settle for a 0-0 draw with Hangover Heroes, despite his efforts.

Anyone who wants to join the 6-a-side leagues in Bridgend can call 0845 230 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net.

Premier Division

Team Name	Played	Goal Diff	Points
B Attack	3	9	6
Croissants	3	8	6
AC Brackla	3	7	4
Cowbridge Cougars	3	6	4
Racing Inter	3	-6	0

Division 1

Team Name	Played	Goal Diff	Points
Day Sleepers	3	9	5
The Bluebirds	3	8	5
FC08	3	6	4
Hangover Heroes	3	5	4
Pen y Bont Pirates	3	-4	2

Under-12s find their touch

PENCOED under-12s travelled to Bettws still unbeaten, but knowing they had a tough game ahead.

Pencoed started the stronger but couldn't find that spark to hit the back of the net. After 15 minutes, Mason Roach struck a lovely ball which the keeper managed to keep out, but it unfortunately struck him and ended up in the back of the net, making it 1-0 at half time.

Pencoed came out the second half with a few changes and dominated

the second half, with the second goal from Jacob Lloyd, and soon after a third goal was scored by Connor Goldsworthy. The fourth was scored by Jordan Burrows.

Pencoed were still dominating the game when they scored a fifth through Evan Price, and another by Jordan Burrows took it to 6-0.

Pencoed managed another by Ben Gwyther to make it 7-0. Both teams played well considering the weather conditions.

CG

Members join in two celebrations

NEWS FROM NOTTAGE WI

The monthly meeting, held on October 1 in the Unitarian Church Hall, Nottage, was opened by vice president Mrs Joan Thomas, when minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

After the formal business, members enjoyed a fish supper, followed by a social evening - which included a toast to Mrs Avril Questle, who

had recently celebrated 60 years of marriage.

In September, Mrs Dot Candlin celebrated her 94th birthday and several members visited her for afternoon tea.

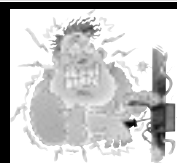
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NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

Developments in Conservation Areas

Application No: 2009/00889/FUL
Proposal: Change of Use application for the Knap Hotel, Barry from Hotel (C1) to residential (C3) use including demolition of 'link' elements, creating 4 dwelling houses with associated garden areas and parking
Location: The Knap Hotel, 2-4, The Parade, Barry
Conservation Area: Barry (Marine)

link road, re-grading of site to form new site levels and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing, landscaping, public realm and public open space provision.
Land at Barry Waterfront adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry

Application(s) submitted with an Environmental Statement NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Application No: 2009/00901/LBC
Proposal: (a) replacement of dining room glazed roof and timber screen (b) replacement of render panels below windows with rebated stonework (c) external repointing of stone (d) replacement and reconstruction of external stone steps
Location: Castleton Court, Castleton Road, St. Athan
Listed Building: Grade II

Proposed development at Land at Barry Waterfront adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry.

I give notice that Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd, Persimmon Homes Ltd and BDW are applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for planning permission to develop vacant land at Barry Waterfront for residential (C3), retail (A1), cafes, bars and restaurants (A3), hotel (C1), and offices (B1). Development of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access including a new link road, re-grading of site to form new site levels and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing, landscaping, public realm and public open space provision.

Application No: 2009/00954/LBC
Proposal: Erection of 2 signs. 1 free standing sign and individual Toby Carvery lettering above front doorway
Location: Barons Court, Penarth Road, Penarth
Listed Building: Grade II

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the Non Technical Summary of this environmental statement at a charge of £15.00 excluding VAT from Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners, 1st Floor Westville House, Fitzalan Court, Cardiff, CF24 0EL so long as stocks last. An electronic CD-ROM version of the environmental statement can also be purchased from Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners for the cost of £50.00 excluding VAT. Please contact Maria Wilson on 02920 435 880.

Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building

Application No: 2009/00939/ADV
Proposal: Erect two signs. One free standing sign and individual Toby Carvery lettering above front doorway
Location: Barons Court, Penarth Road, Penarth
Listed Building: Affecting the Barons Court, Grade II

Members of the public may inspect copies of:
• The application.
• The plans.
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at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 29 October, 2009.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 29 October 2009 quoting reference 2009/00946/OUT.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER, 1995

Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest

Application No: 2009/00923/FUL
Proposal: Redevelopment of redundant light industrial site with demolition of office and storage buildings and replacement with 3 no new 2/3 storey B1 office buildings
Location: Site adjacent to Bevan House, Penarth Road, Cardiff

Proposed development at Land at Barry Waterfront adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry.

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Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 29 October 2009 quoting reference 2009/00947/OUT.

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Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way

Application No: 2009/00946/OUT
Proposal: Development of vacant land at Barry Waterfront for residential (C3), retail (A1), cafes, bars and restaurants (A3), hotel (C1), and offices (B1). Development of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access including a new link road, re-grading of site to form new site levels and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing, landscaping, public realm and public open space provision
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Ellen LEECH

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Town and County Planning (General
Development Procedure) Order 1995

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 6 OF
APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Proposed development at Welford Farm, Rhosce, Vale of Glamorgan.

I give notice that Shakur Ahmed is applying to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to convert a animal barn into a 2 storey house.

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representation about this application should write to the Council at Head of Planning and Transportation, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Barry Docks, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RT by the 29.10.09

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Signed Wm Saunders Partnership LLP
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Kevin recalls glory win as England come to Bridgend

WALES' assistant coach Kevin Ellis is looking forward to Saturday October 17, when his home town Bridgend hosts a Wales v England clash at senior level for the very first time.

Ellis has been involved in a number of Wales v England rugby league clashes as both a player and part of coaching staff but the most memorable for him is definitely the 1995 clash at Ninian Park.

On the cold February evening, Ellis scored two tries as Wales recorded an historic 18-16 win. It was a win that put Wales on the road to winning their first European Championship trophy for 57 years.

"The England game was on a wet night and we had a good team out," Ellis said. "I remember it being a very physical game and I was lucky enough to be on the end of a few inside balls to score a couple of tries. I think one was from Allan Bateman and the other came from Scott Gibbs.

"To be on the winning side against England is fantastic and I really enjoyed the occasion. The atmosphere was immense, it was draining because it was such a physical game but there was such a good crowd who were making a lot of noise. They were over the moon and were a great help to us."

The England win, that also included four goals and two drop goals from Jonathan Davies, was Ellis' eighth cap for his country.

Spotted by Warrington in 1990 after a scout had watched him play for Bridgend against Neath in the WRU Challenge Cup Final, Ellis, who had always been overlooked by the full Wales union side had impressed and signed a five-year contract.

He missed just two games in five years during Wales Rugby League's golden era and even made a comeback for Wales in 2003 and 2004 while playing for Bridgend Blue Bulls to end up with a total of 15 Welsh caps.

"I was delighted to get selected for Wales, especially with the

team that we were able to field at the time," Ellis remembers. "People like John Devereux, Jonathan Davies, Paul Moriarty and the like. It's a real shame that we don't have them now but now with all the development work that we have at the Crusaders and Wales, we've a whole host of new stars coming through and you'll be able to see a few of them when we take on England at the Brewery Field on Saturday the 17th.

"I'm over the moon to be involved in the coaching once again. It's great that Iestyn Harris and Clive Griffiths have come in. The three of us go back to 1990-94 when Clive was assistant coach at Warrington and Iestyn was a rookie in the junior sides. It's great that Iestyn's got this job and hopefully one day he'll be coach of a top Super League side.

"Obviously it's a dream come true for me that England v Wales will be played in my home town of Bridgend and it's fantastic to be part of that."

This game had it all as Town edge cliffhanger!

WITH five minutes remaining, having played more than 60 minutes with a mere eight outfield players, Porthcawl Town Reserves progressed to the next round of the Welsh League Reserve Division cup, defeating a persistent Croesyceiliog 5-4, on the back of a Tom Warren injury-time penalty that put to bed one of the most erratic matches in the history of the competition.

The encounter was less a traditional football match than a set of random events, decided by the brilliant, the unbelievable and the ridiculous.

Porthcawl Town took a well-deserved lead through two Lee Giles' headers. Their lead should have been extended to three soon after as Porthcawl captain Alex Winkler was deemed to have been felled in the area.

The usually reliable Thomas Warren stepped up, only to see his shot saved. Moments later, as is so often the case, the home side were able to reduce the deficit as their number nine made the most of a Richard Gorritt fumble in the Porthcawl goal.

Undeterred, Porthcawl again extended their lead as Matthew Giles finished off a superb flowing move, firing low and hard into the corner, before his brother Lee, who seemed almost unplayable at times in the first half, completed a superb hat-trick by rounding the goalie following a defence-splitting ball by Town new boy Mark Evans.

Following some nasty challenges by the home side, however, anarchy broke out. One particularly bad challenge on Porthcawl midfielder Dan Evans sparked a melee which saw Evans dismissed for violent conduct. Evans may have grounds for appeal; such was the nature of the challenge that sparked the reaction, though it is likely to be turned down in light of the fact that Evans raised his hands.

Porthcawl were, nevertheless, able to hold onto their commanding lead until half-time. However, following an early second-half goal by the home side and then a second dismissal of the game for Porthcawl, there was little doubt that the visitors would do well to escape with a win, even with a two-goal advantage.

The second dismissal of winger Alex Treharne did seem harsh, however, particularly within the context of the match, which had seen some atrocious fouls go unpunished. Treharne did clatter into

CROESYCEILIOG RESERVES	4
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the back of his opposing No 8, but the challenge was at worst a yellow card.

As expected, Croesyceiliog exposed the space left by the two dismissals and evened up the score at 4-4 around the 75-minute mark.

From then on it was a fight to the death. Croesyceiliog drove forward while Porthcawl camped in their own half, pleading for the full-time whistle in order to re-group.

With little left in the tank, having survived almost 30 minutes of football with a two-man deficit, Porthcawl player-manager Tom Warren and coach Gary Phillips went for broke, employing a 3-2-3 formation for the duration of extra-time.

This left the back three particularly susceptible to attacks, and the mid-field duo of Martyn Morgan and Andrew Hedley the high on impossible task of containing Croesyceiliog's five-man midfield.

Unbelievably, their gamble paid off when a long ball was flicked forward by the irrepressible Matthew Giles. From there on it was a foot-race, which Porthcawl attacker Rob Owen won. One-on-one with the onrushing goalie, and just about to pull the trigger, Owen was clipped and although not felled, he stumbled.

Questionably, the referee awarded Porthcawl a penalty, despite the fact that the impediment was made a good couple of yards outside the area. Equally oddly, the official decided not to punish the offender with even a yellow card, let alone a red, despite the fact that he was clearly the last man.

In the end, Tom Warren made no mistake with his second penalty of the day, steering the ball into the corner and with that, his side into the next round.

Had it not been for some freak decisions and two questionable dismissals, Porthcawl may even have racked up a cricket score here, such was their dominance up until the first sending-off. As it was, they ended up victors regardless, despite playing night on 70 minutes with a mere nine players.

After the game, player-manager Warren said: "I have never been involved in a game like that in my life, and I just want to commend the nine warriors I had out there fighting by my side."

RJO

Athletic under-10s too strong for the Aberavon Green Stars

BRIDGEND Athletic Greens played Aberavon Green Stars and despite being up against a much bigger pack of forwards, the backs put together some excellent passing movements which were appreciated by both sets of parents.

Thomas Zielinski and Dylan Parry had their first starts for the Greens as they had been playing consistently well for the Yellows and both did very well.

Chris Matthews had his best game of the season at scrum half, but he narrowly lost out on man of the match to pack leader Mitchell Davies, who led by

example and kept the team working hard.

A great display by the whole team and credit to Aberavon who battled well all game. The Ath scored some lovely tries and they were scored by Caine Woolerton, Chris Matthews, Jack Walker and Dylan Parry (two). All tries were converted by the try scorers.

Final score Ath Greens 35, Aberavon Green Stars 7. THIS was unquestionably the best performance for the Yellows this season.

After a slow start, the team produced some excellent play and scored an array of tries, although the scoreline doesn't show the effort that was put in by

Aberavon, who had some young boys playing.

Man of the match went to Callum Morgan, who showed great promise with numerous runs and good tackles. This result is proof that the squad getting stronger, with boys now pushing for places, giving the coach a

headache in selection.

Tries were scored by Jac Bassett (three), Joe Grabham (two), Morgan Hughes (two), Will Mahoney, Nathan Willis and Matthew Hibbert.

Final score Ath Yellows 54, Aberavon Green Stars development side 12.

No easing up in the youth team friendly

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC YOUTH 'RAGS' BEDDAU YOUTH

**15
12**

BOTH sides fielded a mixed bag of players in this friendly at Newbridge Fields.

The Athletic chose to play against the wind in the first half and soon realised that Beddau's obvious tactics would be to attempt to pin the Athletic back in a territorial battle. However, the Athletic managed to nullify this to a large extent by winning the forward battle, allied with solid defence.

Lock Adam Evans was dominating the lineout and young full back Ryan Jones dealt admirably with the variety of kicks that came his way. From one of these, Ryan set off on a counter attack from inside his own half and some great handling led to Alex Evans handing on to namesake Adam, who executed a great offload for winger Jack Wilkins to finish off a great move in the corner. The conversion failed.

The Athletic were playing well with Sean Derrick and Aaron Shakeshaft particularly prominent with their strong running. However, a shade too much kicking enabled Beddau to gain the ball and return it with interest, leading to Stuart Edbrooke having to scramble desperately to save a try with some brilliant covering.

The Ath were now keeping the ball in hand and reached half time with a satisfactory 5-0 lead.

With the wind in their favour the Athletic got on the front foot early and were soon rewarded with a try by Stuart Edbrooke converted by Tom Davies.

How this try was scored I have no idea as I was in the river practising my front crawl retrieving a lost ball!

Beddau upped their game in the sec-

ond half, as is often the case when having to play against the elements, and frequently stretched the Athletic defence, who were guilty of not forming up quickly enough.

Still, it took until 10 minutes from the end before they managed a score in the corner which gave them a sniff of victory. Then the crucial score of the match was made when wing Oliver Olds, who had tackled staunchly throughout in this strange position for him, gathered a loose kick near the touchline and let loose a successful drop goal which would have made his brother envious.

Beddau did not give up and launched one final counter attack up the left touchline. The Beddau player was clear, but some dubious obstruction prevented Adam Evans getting to him before centre Tom Parry launched himself in desperation from behind to stop the try but was deemed to have hauled him down by the collar and the referee awarded a controversial penalty try along with a yellow card for Parry.

The match then ended with the Athletic only just gaining a victory in this close fought encounter. Props Njabulo Dladla and Aled Thomas showed great promise for the Athletic, with loose head 'Jab' scrummaging particularly well.

Next week both Athletic Youth sides return to league action with the 'A's' hosting the last side to beat them, Waunarlwydd, and the 'Rags' up at Cefn Cribwr which also doubles as a District Cup game.

TR

Resurface Bridgend car parking areas, says councillor

TWO municipal car parks in Bridgend need to be resurfaced - according to Coun Haydyn Morgan.

He told Bridgend Town Council that he was concerned about the state of the car park at Tremains Road, behind the Coity Castle pub, and also the car park at Bridgend Recreation Centre.

"You need wellies when you get out of your car at the Rec," he said. "The holes that are there fill with water. These car parks are extensively used seven days a week. Where does the revenue go? It is obviously not going towards the upkeep of the car parks. They badly need attention."

He had complained about the Tremains Road car park two years ago and had hoped it would have been included in the schedule for resurfacing but it was still not on the agenda.

The town council will make enquiries about what's happening.

PEN-Y-FAI HIT TOP FORM

THIS game was a one-sided match with Pen-y-Fai under-12s having too much power for a Brynna side who have only been going for a year, gave it their best shot and never gave up.

The scoring started as early as the fourth minute when Rob Symonds went through on goal followed soon after with a smart finish from skipper Zac Edwards.

Soon after, more goals came from Elliot Thomas, Jac Lewis, and Dylan Whitcombe.

Ellis Rosser was marshalling his defence well with sound help from Callum Jones, Ben Symmonds and

Jack Mullins. There were further goals from Huw Williams, Slippers Smeaton and Colin Wits before half-time.

In the second half, there was a comeback from Brynna with shots just going wide of Owain Jenkins goal. Then, Zac Edwards added another two goals to get Pen back on top.

The game ended with Slippers adding another net buster and Alex Howland putting Mathew Symmonds through for goal number 12.

Jed Stillman then came on in goal for the last 10 minutes for all the lads to have a run out.

The Brynna parents should be proud of their lads for an excellent effort for the full 60 minutes.

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Pen-y-Fai under-12s thank Arcon (Wales) Ltd Electrical Contractors for their kit sponsorship.

Vale Wanderers are making 'massive' progress

VALE Wanderers took on Rumney RFC at Dinas Powys in a very keenly contested game which highlighted the massive step forward made by the newly-formed Wanderers in only their second game.

The Wanderers is an amalgamation of Dinas Powys, Llantwit Major and Barry under-13s. All three clubs have struggled for numbers at this age group, and allowing the boys to play enough rugby has been a major problem for the coaches.

Following on from their 35-12 defeat against Llandaff North last week in the red of Llantwit Major, the boys donned the blue of Dinas Powys for only their second game against an experienced and well-organised Rumney team.

The visitors started strongly and crossed for their first try following some good handling after five minutes. The try was converted to give Rumney an early seven-point cushion.

As Rumney pressed for a second try, the first obvious improvement from the previous game became apparent. The tackling of the combined team was much sharper, and competition at the ruck was also stepped up.

Despite this, Rumney opened up a 19-point lead just before half-time. However, the commitment shown by the Wanderers was rewarded with a fine forwards' try by the entire pack.

Hugo Billington picked up a loose ball 15 metres out and drove strongly through a couple of tacklers. He was held and a maul formed around him. Still in control of the ball, he summoned his fellow forwards into the drive and a strong surge from the home pack saw him driven over for a fine pack effort.

Rumney replied from the re-start with another converted try and led 31-5 at half-time.

The team talk from the coaching team focused on cutting out the errors and matching Rumney in the contact area. As the second half started, it was clear that

the boys had taken this message on board. A series of crunching tackles by the home team saw Rumney offside at the ruck, just outside the Dinas 22.

A quick tap penalty saw powerful No 8 Rhys Forse score under the posts after a 70-metre run. He left the Rumney defence in tatters as he powered his way upfield. The try was converted by Lewys Morgan.

The rest of the half saw Rumney camped in the Vale 22, but they could not cross the home try line due to heroic defence by the whole Vale team.

Particular mention for this defensive effort must go to Billie Jones, Brad Boyland, Connor Lewis and the immovable Rhys Forse.

Final score was **Vale Wanderers 12 Rumney 31**. A great effort was saluted by the coaching team and we now look forward going to the district tournament at Rumney RFC next Sunday.

TIM JONES

Vale Schools under-11s are pipped at Newport

ON a blustery Saturday morning, Vale Schools under-11s headed east to play Newport Schools at Caerleon RFC.

Newport kicked off and the Vale responded with a strong run from Charles Pegrum on the wing, to gain good field position in the Newport half.

A scrum under the posts and a number of attacks from the Vale backs were thwarted by a well-drilled Newport back line, and a spilled ball by the Vale allowed Newport to spin the ball wide to the wing, who

ran in under the posts to score the first try.

Against the run of play, Newport held the score to 7-0 at half-time.

The second half started with the Vale forwards Max Lucas, Joe Knott, Owain Jenkins and Mathew Keating securing good ball for Spencer Robinson at scrum half to set Cai Evans off on some of his trade mark runs.

With Newport under pressure, a clearance kick was gathered by James Holder at full-back, who ran up the blind side with support from the forwards.

Quick ball from the resulting ruck allowed Spencer Robinson to

snipe up the blind side and pass inside to Owain Leyshon, who drove over for a well-deserved try.

In the second half, Newport were able to spin the ball wide from a ruck and score in the corner.

Final score: Newport 12 Vale Schools 5

This was a disappointing result but some good individual performances that the Vale can take into the next game against Bridgend Schools.

Well done to the B side, who fought tooth and nail against a big Newport side, but went down 10-0.

IH

Vale Schools started the new season with victory

ON a lovely sunny day, the Vale under-11s kicked off the first match of the new season against Merthyr.

Merthyr pressed and some good tackling by James Holder and the backs enabled the Vale to win back the ball.

Some excellent passing along the line gave Charlie Perigim the opportunity to score under the posts. The try was converted by Harry Morgan.

From the restart, the Vale forwards won the ball and from a good mis-pass by scrum-half Spencer Robinson, Kai Evans, skillfully beat three of the opposition to score. The try was converted again by Harry Morgan.

All through the game, the forwards secured the ball for the backs to work with. From a ruck on the 22, Spencer Robinson went on the blind side and scored in the corner.

The Vale made some changes at half-time. From the start, the Vale were pushing Merthyr and a scrum was called on the 22.

Max Lucas won the ball and passed it along the line to Iestyn Willey, who scored in the corner.

Charlie Perigim then scored and the try was converted by Kai Evans. This was the end of the second period.

Merthyr scored a consolation try, but the final score as 31-5 to the Vale.

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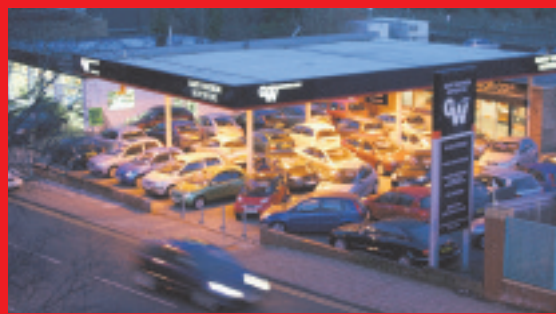
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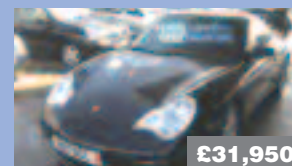
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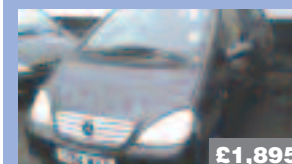


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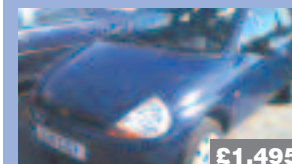
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Athletic dig deep for morale-boosting win against Cwmllynfell

BRIDGEND Athletic showed great character to turn a 5-3 half time deficit playing with a strong first half wind in their favour, into a 15-8 victory over Cwmllynfell.

The team showed six changes – two positional from the side that lost to Tonmawr. They gave a first team debut to youth centre James Olds, and Sean Owens started his first game of the season in the unfamiliar role of full back.

Former Athletic and Ravens hooker Adrian Phillips came on as a second half substitute for Simon Mustoe, following his mid-week transfer from Tonmawr.

The Athletic started with a strong wind advantage, and took the lead after five minutes through a wide-angled 40-metre penalty from centre Stuart Morris. Cwmllynfell responded from the restart, applying pressure through rolling mauls for hooker Aled Williams to put the visitors 5-3 ahead.

Morris, in attempting another long range penalty, pulled his groin and was forced to leave the field, to be replaced by Robert Coles. Cwmllynfell were denying the Athletic possession and ground out the half to lead 5-3 at half-time.

Rod Jones' side had it all to do in the second half. They raised their game and when last season's youth scrum half Aled Thomas, making his First XV debut as a half-time replacement for Luke Hopper, charged down a clearance kick, Cwmllynfell conceded a penalty.

The Athletic kicked to touch and from the line out, Thomas and flanker Chris Whitcombe interchanged passes before Dan Apsee forced his way over in the corner.

The Athletic fell foul of the New Zealand referee on a number of occasions questioning his decisions. From one of these lapses of discipline, Cwmllynfell outside half Nicky Thomas levelled the scores at 8-8 with a penalty in front of the posts.

The Athletic pack, in a role reversal, now had the upper hand. Props Carle Gregory and Rod Jones were powerful ball carriers, with Jones also initiating a few turnovers at the ruck and maul.

Cwmllynfell veteran flanker Jim Morgan had often in the past proved a thorn in the Athletics' side.

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC 15
CWMLLYNFELL 8

side. This time 19-year-old Athletic flanker Tom Morgan wrapped him up in a series of tackles.

Fellow flanker Chris Whitcombe and No 8 Dan Apsee also showed a high tackle count, with wings Lyndsey McCausland and Rod Davies also weighing in with a number of big hits.

Nineteen stone lock Jamie Doherty – a late starter to rugby – is now growing in confidence and starting to be a valuable member of the squad. His second half replacement, young Tom Penry-Ellis will also benefit from having game time.

Centre James Olds made an excellent break from inside his own half and the pressure exerted by the Athletic forced Cwmllynfell to concede a penalty five metres out under the posts. The Athletic showed their confidence in their pack by declining the easy three points on offer to go for a scrum.

From the scrum, they patiently went through the phases until lock Sean Williams eventually forced his way over under the posts. Outside half Steven Lewis added the conversion to put the Athletic 15-8 ahead on the hour.

The final quarter was strongly contested. Outside half Lewis kicked well against the wind to take his side up field away from the danger zone. Full back Sean Owens was also showing a will to attack and caused some problems in the Cwmllynfell defence.

The Athletic came away with a morale-boosting win that takes them up to eighth in the table. The coaching team can take heart from this second half performance, and from the fact that they have competition for places in every position on the field.

They have a chance to build on this win next week when they visit fellow promoted side Builth Wells, who are at the basement of the table.

This is followed by a home fixture on October 17 against Narbeth, who are surprisingly below the Athletic, with only a win over the Ravens to date this season.

The Athletic Old Boys are sponsoring this game, and welcome all former players to join them at this reunion.

College academy side makes promising start

BRIDGEND College Football Academy has kicked off the 2009-10 season, winning two of their first three games, with only Newport County youth team (based at Hartridge School) winning a closely-fought game.

The college football academy started the season with a 2-0 victory away to a spirited Ystrad Mynach. The college's well-structured football programme proved to be an advantage, with Bridgend starting the game at a breath-taking pace. The early pressure tested the home side's goalkeeper.

Bridgend continued to pass the ball around effectively, stretching the home defence. An accurate cross-field pass from the back found striker Lee Owen, who intelligently flicked it on for the speedy Lewis Murray, only for his powerful shot to fly over the Ystrad Mynach goal.

Bridgend continued to pile the pressure on and once again, after some neat play between the two strikers, Lee Owen forced a save from the over-worked Ystrad Mynach goalkeeper.

The resulting corner saw Jamie Thomas head a spectacular goal to reward Bridgend's attacking football.

The college continued to press forward at every opportunity looking for a second, while at the back the Bridgend defence looked organised and calm.

The second goal soon followed with Lee Owen reacting quickly in the box to slot home.

The following week, the college entertained the well-organised Hartridge, who represent Newport County football club at youth level. Bridgend dominated the first half, but failed to reward their attacking and passing football with goals.

An individual mistake and own goal led to the college's first defeat.

Continuing work on the training ground under the presence of former Welsh international and Cardiff City captain Jason Perry soon put the team back on winning ways.

They beat Coleg Powys which is linked with Welsh Premier league side Newton, in style.

One-touch football and wave after wave of attacks resulted in an impressive 3-0 win. Goals from Lee Owen, Lewis Murray and Craig Jones,



Jamie Thomas in action.

plus the college's second clean sheet, meant it was an excellent day.

Bridgend College football director Jason Perry is understandably pleased with the start of the season and academic year.

He said: "To produce such good performances at an early stage of the season reflects on how much these players have come on."

"The players have used the knowledge they have picked up in and out of the classroom, to prepare themselves in a professional manner."

Fine away win for Tondy under-10s

THE sun shone on Tondy under-10s in more ways than one when they made the short journey to play Cwmavon, minus the head coach.

The Tondy youngsters lost the toss but this was the only loss of the match as they struck very quickly with a try for Joe Duffill, soon to be added to by the first for Ryan Kershaw.

Cwmavon got into the game and scored their first, only for Tondy to come back strongly and get a further two tries before the close of the first half.

Joe Duffill scored his second of the game and Taylor Lloyd added his name to the scoresheet.

With a few changes in players, Tondy started strongly in the second half and got the first score, Taylor Lloyd completing his brace.

Cwmavon scored next, only for Ryan Kershaw to re-establish the margin.

However, Tondy sat back a little and Cwmavon poached their third try. Shannon Price revitalised Tondy with another score, followed in quick succession by a brace for Ben Merchant.

The Tondy try-scoring spree was rounded off by Ryan Kershaw completing his hat-trick before the close of the half.

Final score: Cwmavon 15 Tondy 50

Star of the game was Jack Llewellyn, who holds the trophy for the week.

Tondy squad: Ben Merchant, Morgan-Owen Evans, Taylor Lloyd, Shannon Price, Morgan David, Jordan Morgan, Jack Llewellyn, Joe Duffill, Ryan Kershaw, Josh Davies, Ioan Thomas, Callum Booton and Declan Pugh. **JK**

Wick push Tonmawr all the way in cup

AFTER the disappointment of the previous week when Porthcawl were unable to fulfil the league fixture, Wick RFC travelled to Bridgend District Division One side Tonmawr for a friendly game at the impressive Cwm Gwennffwd Ground.

The two clubs had previously met in the Welsh Districts Cup in 1986 in the latter stages. Tonmawr won that day 10-6 and went on to win the cup at the Arms Park.

The pitch for the present day fixture was in perfect condition, which was to prove to be another hard-fought game.

The Wick team was slow to start and Tonmawr were quick to capitalise with well-worked tries from Julian Callaghan and Rhidian Pyles, stunning the visitors.

After an exchange of penalties from Wick captain Dan Powell and Tonmawr winger Rhidian Pyles, the half-time score was 13-3.

By this time, Wick had survived the early dominance and were competing well. The Tonmawr scrum was in control – however, Wick dominated the line out.

Both teams enjoyed long periods of territory in the second half. Wick openside flanker Luke McNaughton scored a try in the corner after many phases of play, which was converted by Powell.

The home team hit back with a try in the other corner by Neil Vaughan, converted by Pyles.

Together with another penalty conversion, the final score was 23-10 to the home side.

Next week sees the comeback of the Wick 2nd XV (Millers) after four years of rest. The 1st XV are away to another Division One outfit, Tondy 2nd XV.

Frustration for Pencoed Firsts

PENCOED'S early season woes continued in this narrow defeat at the Recreation ground.

The side can feel a little unlucky, finishing the stronger side, but will look to improve on what was an extremely below par performance.

A malfunctioning lineup was central to their problems throughout, gifting possession to the visitors. The loss of key players through injury and availability was a contributory factor.

The half time score of 0-0 summed up the proceedings, with both sets of supporters having very little to enthuse over.

The decisive score came from a defensive lapse, when the visitors were awarded a contentious try, the grounding appearing somewhat short of the line.

Pencoed put pressure on Mumbles late in the match, during their best period, but their control at

an advancing scrum close up let them down.

At the final whistle a number of home players sank to their knees in despair, a clear indication of how badly they want that elusive first win. On Saturday a difficult match awaits at Aberavon.

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The GEM Quiz League posers

HERE are this week's 'food-for-thought':

1) The wife of which actor placed a gold whistle in his coffin in memory of the film *To have and have not* – their first film together?

2) Which equatorial region of light currents of air where sailing ships are becalmed gave its name to a state of depression and boredom?

3) Which golfer, who lost his right arm and right eye when he walked into a whirling

propeller of a light aircraft, lost an 18-hole play-off to Tom Watson for the 1975 Open at Carnoustie?

4) Which American showman coined the phrase – "There's a sucker born every minute"?

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